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## To offset Congress losses Zionists jockeying for foreign policy

By Bob Lebling  
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 — The Israeli lobby, stung by a series of major defeats in the U.S. congressional elections, is moving quickly to capture foreign policy control of the incoming Reagan administration and thereby offset its losses in Congress.

Pro-Zionist figures are stepping in to key slots in the foreign policy advisory apparatus of president-elect Reagan's transition team. Political analysts expect these figures to try to block the appointment of persons with pro-Arab or balanced Middle East views to cabinet posts and other important positions in the new Administration.

The pro-Israeli advisers are also expected to encourage the development of an administration policy which views Israel as the centerpiece of American military and strategic planning for the Middle East.

It is not yet clear whether the Zionists will prevail, however, since they are expected to face strong opposition from members of Reagan's inner circle, who regard a balanced Middle East policy as essential to American business interests in the Arab world.

Leader of the pro-Israeli faction on Reagan's transition team is Richard Allen, who returned to the Reagan organization Thursday only a week after he had resigned as chief foreign policy adviser. Allen had stepped down from the campaign to avoid political repercussions over press reports he had used his position with the Nixon administration in the 1970s to further his personal business interests.

At his press conference Thursday, Reagan announced Allen would serve as a senior adviser to the transition team and a member of the foreign policy transition board. Prior to this announcement, Reagan aides said Allen would be appointed to the transition team as Reagan's way of saying "thank you" for Allen's loyalty during the campaign. The aides insisted he would not receive a high-level position in the new administration.

But Friday there were reports Allen was still being considered for the post of National Security Adviser to the president. At his news conference, Reagan also confirmed that three prominent Democrats — Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington, Sen. Richard Stone of Florida and Attorney Edward Bennett Williams — would serve on his foreign policy transition board. Two of these men — Jackson and Stone — are among Israel's staunchest supporters in Washington.

The appointment of Jackson was not unexpected. As a prominent conservative Democrat and advocate of a strong U.S. military posture, he has been tipped as a likely candidate for secretary of defense in the Reagan administration.

Stone's appointment to the foreign policy team, however, came as somewhat of a surprise to Washington observers. As a liberal

## Hostages still with students

TEHRAN, Nov. 8 (AFP) — The "Islamic students" holding the American hostages have still not handed them over to the Iranian government, sources close to Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai said Saturday.

The students, "following the line of the imam (Ayatollah Khomeini)," had announced last Monday during a visit to the ayatollah that they were handing responsibility over to the government for the 52 hostages.

Democrat, Stone is an ideological opponent of the conservative "new right" Republicans who built Reagan into a national figure.

Stone, who has chaired the foreign relations Middle East subcommittee during the 96th Congress, was defeated during the primary elections in his bid for a second term in the Senate. While congressional staffers say Stone, who is Jewish, is not a committed Zionist, sources in the Carter administration have described him as an obstacle to a balanced Middle East policy.

Several days before the presidential election, Tom Dine, the newly appointed executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (Israel's registered lobbying arm here), said the Reagan organization was considering appointing Stone to the key post of deputy secretary of state. This would be a major setback for Arab interests, analysts said.

Campaign sources say president-elect Reagan has not yet decided how to proceed on Middle East issues, despite his pro-Israeli campaign rhetoric. "His campaign statements were simply designed to attract Jewish voters," one source said. "Reagan is really a clean slate, as far as the Middle East is concerned. He has a lot to learn. And it will depend on who is advising him."

The Israeli lobby is trying to build up a solid wall of Zionist advisers around Reagan, to isolate him from pro-Arab and balanced influences, another source said. Whether this strategy will succeed or not depends on counter-efforts by those inner-circle supporters of Reagan who have had corporate and other links with the Arab world and who favor increasing U.S.-Arab cooperation.

These supporters include George Shultz, president of Bechtel Corp. and a likely candidate for secretary of state; Caspar Weinberger, vice-president of Bechtel and one of Reagan's closest advisers; William Simon, former treasury secretary and candidate for a cabinet post; and former Navy Secretary J. William Middendorf II, who has had financial dealings with prominent Arab businessmen.



VICTORY SPEECH: President-elect Ronald Reagan gestures as he speaks to supporters during a victory party at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles Tuesday night.

## May meet Reagan Begin leaves for U.S.

TEL AVIV, Nov. 8 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin left Saturday for the United States on a visit that aides are trying to expand to include a meeting with President-elect Ronald Reagan.

On the eve of his departure, Israeli officials indicated they saw no harm in a postponement of another Camp David-like summit and several sources said the election of the 69-year-old Republican may be favorable for Israel.

Begin has been invited to the White House for talks with President Jimmy Carter on the stalled negotiations with Egypt over autonomy for Palestinians in Israeli-occupied territory.

He was also trying to arrange a meeting with Reagan, who said Thursday that "I realize the necessity of contact" with Begin and hinted it might occur later this month. Reagan did not commit himself to a meeting during the prime minister's 10-day tour, however.

Begin's visit is unofficial and makes him the first major foreign leader to seek a visit with Reagan in the United States since the election. West German Chancellor Helmut

Schmidt has tentatively planned a three-day visit starting Nov. 18 and has suggested to Reagan that the two meet.

Israeli sources said the defeat of President Carter, who underwrote the peace accords between Egypt and Israel in September 1978, will cause a delay in what had tentatively been planned as a followup summit before Carter left office.

"I see no disaster in a slowdown or even a stop in the autonomy negotiations for a few weeks or months because of changes in the White House," Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was quoted as saying Friday.

In general, Israelis say Reagan's strong posture toward the Soviet Union will boost Israel's position in U.S. strategy plans. They also recalled that Carter launched his Mideast policy by calling for a Palestinian homeland and attacking Israel for its Jewish settlements in occupied territories.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union appears to have been more surprised by the tone and timing than the content of foreign policy remarks by Reagan, observers in Moscow said Saturday.

Although Reagan was relatively vague about foreign policy during his campaign, he unequivocally condemned "Soviet aggression" at both his news conference Friday and in an interview with Time magazine released after his sweeping election victory Tuesday.

## Khaled congratulates Brezhnev

RIYADH, Nov. 8 (SPA) — King Khaled sent a cable to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev Friday congratulating him on the occasion of the national day celebrations.

The Soviet Union celebrated the 63rd anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution with a military parade in Moscow's Red Square. Saudi Arabia maintains no diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, but the leaders of the two countries usually exchange congratulatory messages on formal occasions.

The King also congratulated Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouet Boigny on his country's national day. King Khaled told President Boigny: "On your country's national day, I would like to express to you, on behalf of the people and government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and on my personal behalf, our cordial congratulations. I wish you health and happiness and the friendly people of the Ivory Coast further progress and success."

The King Saturday received a message from Sultan Qaboos ibn Said of Oman. The message was handed to the King by Interior Minister Badr ibn Saud ibn Mohareb. The meeting was attended by Crown Prince Fahd; Minister of Defense and Aviation, Prince Sultan; Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal; and Omani Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Ibrahim Al-Harethi. Mohareb arrived in Riyadh earlier in the day.

King Khaled also received Saturday Turkish Foreign Minister Turgut Ersoy who handed him a message from Turkish President Gen. Kananir Ivrin. Prince Fahd, Prince Sultan, Prince Saud and the Turkish ambassador, Fikret Berket, attended the meeting. Later on Ivrin met with Prince Saud.

## U.S. policy change in M.E. unlikely

VIENNA, Nov. 8 (AP) — A three-day conference on problems of Jerusalem and Palestine ended Friday with American participants expressing doubts that the present Middle East situation will greatly change under President-elect Ronald Reagan.

Invited by the non-government international Progress Organization (IPO), some 120 international law experts, human rights activists, Arabs and Jews joined the four themes of the conference.

## Ghotbzadeh arrested in Iran

TEHRAN, Nov. 8 (R) — Former Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh has been arrested after he criticized the running of the state broadcasting service during a television debate, a spokesman for Tehran's Evin Prison said Saturday.

Ghotbzadeh, who left the foreign ministry in September after the formation on a new government under Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai, was arrested Friday afternoon, the spokesman said.

The Jomhuri-ye-Eslami (Islamic Republic) newspaper said the authorities were also seeking Muhammad Moballegi-Islami, former deputy director-general of the broadcasting service, who appeared with Ghotbzadeh in the debate on Thursday.

In the debate on the broadcasting service's second channel, both men criticized the running of the first channel which is controlled by Islamic fundamentalists.

The Iranian supreme defense council's propaganda office said in a statement Friday that Dr. Moballegi-Islami and Ghotbzadeh had "created pessimism toward the country's officials and caused concern to Iran's Muslim nation."

The Evin Prison spokesman said no charges had been laid yet against Ghotbzadeh. His arrest followed a fierce power struggle in the broadcasting service, called



Sadeq Ghotbzadeh, the "Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic (VVR)", between supporters of President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and the dominant Islamic Republican Party. Both Ghotbzadeh and Dr. Moballegi-Islami are staunch supporters of President Bani-Sadr.

## Chatti deplores war

## OIC chief appeals to Iran, Iraq

JEDDAH, Nov. 8 — The 40-member Organization of Islamic Conference Saturday again appealed to Iran and Iraq for a halt in fighting in the Gulf.

The appeal came on the advent of the 15th century of the Islamic calendar, bringing OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti to note how "deplorable" it was that parts of the Islamic world are torn by war.

Already causing tremendous losses in life and property, this war, Chatti said, constitutes a general danger to the whole area. He also warned of "alien" interference.

The conflict could lead to other differences and other conflicts in the Islamic world, Chatti said, that could only benefit enemies of Islam.

Whatever hardships the Muslims face, Chatti went on, they could take heart in the example of endurance, patience and struggle of the Holy Prophet, whose flight from Mecca to Medina marked the beginning of the Islamic calendar 1400 years ago.

"The Muslims, following the footsteps of their prophet, have a noble message to spread in this world," Chatti said. "And this can only be done if they unite, reform their society and remove the sequels of colonialism."

of the Al-Aqsa mosque — Islam's first Qibla, or direction for prayer, and third holiest shrine.

He said he also prayed for victory for the "valiant" people of Palestine struggling under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to free their land and establish an independent state.

Moreover, he said he wished the Afghan freedom fighters success in liberating their country from Soviet occupation.

Armed with the Muslim faith and thanks to their countries' natural wealth and human potential, Chatti said Muslims can overcome obstacles and meet challenges to ensure a

better future. However, they must realize that this new century opens with Muslims bearing considerably more responsibilities than those in the past, he explained.

Only through solidarity, he emphasized, could they repel the challenges created by the remnants of colonialism in the area.

Two major periods marked the last century, Chatti said. The first three-quarters were dominated by colonialism, which meant the squandering of the region's resources and the "enslavement" of its people.

But the last quarter was one of national awakening, the time when people arose and managed to free themselves. All countries reached for and found independence, he said, except Palestine, where a hostile Israeli entity remained.



Habib Chatti

## Abadan repels latest attack

BEIRUT, Nov. 8 (AP) — Iran and Iraq reported fresh land and sea battles Saturday as the war on the Northern fringe of the Arabian Gulf flared into its 48th day. An Iraqi communique broadcast by Baghdad Radio claimed 27 Iranian troops were killed in fighting on the northern and eastern approaches of Iran's oil refining city of Abadan. It conceded eight Iraqi "martyrs."

Tehran Radio said Abadan's defenders prevented enemy infantry and armor from moving in on the beleaguered city that is Iran's last stronghold on the embattled Shatt Al Arab waterway. Iran disclosed that former Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh was arrested in Tehran. He has been critical of government and media handling of the war.

The Baghdad communique claimed two Iranian gunboats were sunk in Shatt Al Arab and a steamboat in the Karun River off the Iraqi-held Iranian port of Khorramshahr.

Iran claimed Friday night two Iraqi naval vessels were sunk in a sea battle near the mouth of Shatt Al-Arab. The rival claims indicate the Iranians might be trying to run supplies to the hard-pressed Abadan garrison by sea. The city has been besieged by Iraqi forces for three weeks.

An Iraqi commander in Khorramshahr, 10 miles of Abadan, told reporters his invading forces have been waiting for two weeks for orders to cross the city's bridge on the Karun river and capture Abadan. "But this is political decision," said paratroop Col. Ahmed Hashim.

A capture of Abadan, which provided 60 per cent of Iran's pre-war fuel needs, would give Iraq full control over the 120-mile (193 km) Shatt Al Arab, the border estuary that is Iraq's only outlet to the Arabian Gulf.

Meanwhile, Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai was quoted here Saturday as saying that he expected the Iraqi-Iranian conflict to lead to the collapse of the Iraqi administration and that Arab volunteers were fighting with Iranians against Iraq.

Speaking to the pro-Libyan daily news-

paper *As-Safir*, Rajai said "We believe that continuation in this manner will definitely lead to the loss of contact between the two sides (people and government in Iraq) and collapse of the regime."

Rajai said there were many Muslim Arab militants fighting on the Iranian side, but he gave no numbers or nationalities.

He said that even if Iraq were entitled to a "few kilometers" as it claimed, that did not justify decimation of villages and civilians or occupation of territory not mentioned in the 1975 agreement setting their border dispute.

Iraqi officials Saturday described as ridiculous Iranian claims that its oil minister, Muhammad Javad Tonguyan, had been tortured after his capture by Iraqi forces.

The Iranian government said it had complained to the International Red Cross that the minister was now said to be fighting for his life in hospital after being taken prisoner eight days ago in the war zone.

"The Iranians are liars. Tonguyan was not kidnapped as they alleged but was taken prisoner during fierce fighting in a war zone. In that situation people can get injured. It is ridiculous to say he has been tortured," one official said. Iraqi sources said the minister had undergone surgery and was now out of danger.

The relentless Iraq-Iran hostilities have defied early-on predictions that both sides would run out of firepower and the will to fight, and that the Arab-Persian feud would quiet into a negotiated standoff, then prolonged negotiations.

Neither side, though, appears on the verge of quieting its guns. One change in the pattern of fighting has been the slackened use of air power. Iran reported its U.S.-built Phantom fighter jets attacked installations in northern Iraq Friday, but this was the only reported instance of an air attack, and one of the few in the past week.

Another shift is Iran's increased claims of hit-and-run helicopter attacks against Iraqi positions at the northern end of the 500-mile north-south front.

## King to open water plant

RIYADH, Nov. 8 (SPA) — King Khaled will dedicate Medina's new desalination plant on Dec. 6. The plant, near Yanbu', on the Red Sea, will produce 25 million gallons of drinking water a day, in addition to 250,000 kilowatts of electric power.

The water will be supplied to Medina by two 32-diameter, 176 kilometer pipelines, according to Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water and head of the Saline Water Conversion Corpo-

ration. He also said that the plant will supply Yanbu with water through a 24 inch diameter, 50-kilometer pipeline.

The minister said that pumping stations have been set up along the pipeline upto Medina. Two reservoirs of a capacity of 20,000 cubic meters each have also been built. He added that the water which will be pumped to Medina will help stop the draining of subterranean water and save it for agricultural purposes. The construction of the plant began in 1978.

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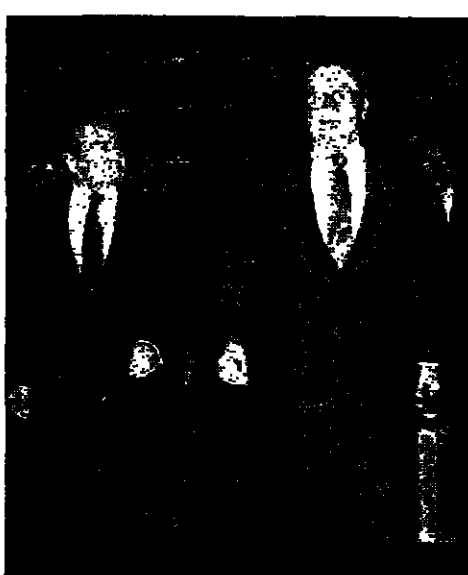
## Al-Khuwaiter meets with UNESCO chief

RIYADH, Nov. 8 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter met with Amadu Mahtar M'Bow, director general of the UNESCO. The meeting centered on promoting the existing cooperation between the ministry and the U.N. body.

M'Bow arrived here Friday on a week-long visit to participate in the activities marking the end of the 14th century Hijra on part of UNESCO. "UNESCO is taking part in the program to highlight the meaning of Hijra (Prophet Muhammad's immigration from Mecca to Medina) in the world, in addition to the leading role of Islam in the development of humanity, which often has been neglected," M'Bow said.

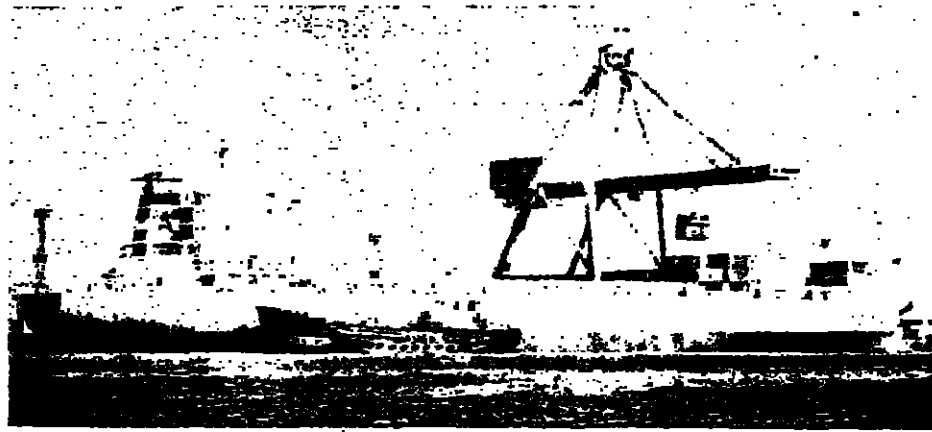
The UNESCO official said there was no contradiction between faith and science in Islam. "Therefore, there won't be any difficulty in spreading knowledge and fostering the high Islamic values," M'Bow said. He praised Saudi Arabia's assistance to the international organization and its various programs. "I hope the UNESCO has participated in the introduction of Islam and stating its great meanings to the humanity," he said.

M'Bow said the organization was proud of its close relations with Saudi Arabia, especially in the Kingdom's leading role in the context of the UNESCO. "Saudi Arabia's vital role emerged specifically at the UNESCO's last session held in Belgrade," he said.



(SPA photo)

ARRIVAL: Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen, right, arriving at Jeddah airport Thursday. The minister will hold talks with his Saudi Arabian counterpart, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal. Seen in the photo accompanying the minister is Turkish Ambassador Filizet Bereket.



FLEET: Part of the UASC fleet will be registered under the Saudi Arabian flag.

### Addiriyadh

## Ship registered under Saudi flag

By Scott Pendleton  
Alkhobar Bureau

ALKHOBAR, Nov. 8 — The container ship *Addiriyadh*, belonging to the United Arab Shipping Company, was registered under the Saudi Arabian flag last week.

The United Arab Shipping Company is completely owned by the governments of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, making it the national flag of those countries.

Under the articles of agreement signed by Ministers of Communication and Finance at the formation of the company in 1976, the ships are to be registered in the owner countries in proportion to the amount of authorized capital, to which the countries subscribe. Of the Kuwaiti Dinar 500 million

(SR6,218 million) authorized capital, a total of KD180 million (SR2,238 million) has been subscribed. Saudi Arabia has subscribed to KD34,800,000 (SR433 million), entitling it to register 12 of the UASC fleet's 62 ships under its flag.

The *Addiriyadh* was the first ship to be registered under the Saudi flag, on Oct. 30. Reggie Wills, manager of UASC's Saudi offices, said that the other 11 ships will be registered here as they return to the Gulf. UASC operates lines to Europe, the North American Atlantic coast, the Far East and between India and the United States.

The other owners of the UASC have subscribed to an equal amount of the share capital, except for Bahrain, which subscribed to KD6 million (SR74.6 million).

## COMMENT

By Hamad Al-Qadhi  
Al Jazirah

I was sitting in the company of some people, especially someone who had good contacts with businessmen in Riyadh. Our talks led us to a discussion of businessmen's participation in the country's projects and the role of the private sector in this sphere.

We concentrated our deliberation on the negligence of the capital's merchants and businessmen in regard to private hospitals, which are so badly needed in this thickly-populated metropolis. The number of government and private hospitals has not increased in Riyadh for more than 10 years. I wonder why the country's businessmen do not come forward to take active part in the building of private hospitals. It is not difficult to understand that they can easily invest their funds in such

projects and at the same time earn people's appreciation for a humane job.

In Jeddah, for instance, businessmen earned popular applause by establishing nearly 10 private hospitals of good standard. With this number, this cosmopolitan city seems to have achieved self-sufficiency since orders that been issued to stop opening further hospitals in Jeddah.

Seeing this, one fails to understand the reason that leads the capital's businessmen away from such ventures in Riyadh and other towns of the Central Provinces. Needless to say, the need for such hospitals is great and the gain accruing from these projects almost is ensured. Can we call it their slackness or lack of cooperation of officials circles with businessmen? The capital's health services are definitely not in proportion to its present population, as the Riyadh of the eighties is quite different from the Riyadh of the old ages.

## Kingdom agrees to cooperation on railroads

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 8 (SPA) — The Kingdom and Pakistan have agreed principally on cooperation in the field of railway service, officials reported Saturday. The cooperation agreement would involve technical expertise and training.

In a meeting with Pakistani railway authorities, a Saudi Arabian railroad delegation led by Sheikh Faisal Al-Shuhail, chairman of the government railroad organization, decided that Pakistan would provide the Kingdom with the required engineering equipment for railroad service and help with training personnel.

The Saudi delegation arrived here last week on a week-long visit. Sheikh Shuhail met with Pakistani President Gen. Zia ul Haq and other officials of the ministry of communications.

The areas of cooperation include Pakistan's assistance in constructing railroads in the Kingdom, supply of railway carriages by Pakistan, training of Saudi Arabian railway personnel in Pakistani training institutes, and the provision of Pakistani railway engineers and experts to the Kingdom.

Another field identified in this connection was close cooperation between the Saudi Government Railroad Organization and the Pakistan railways and its subsidiary Railway Construction (Pakistan).

Pakistan has a highly developed and sophisticated railway network linking up the remotest areas of the land. It has wide experience of laying rail tracks in different terrains including difficult deserts and mountainous ranges.

The country produces most of its requirements for rolling stocks and railway equipment locally and has recently signed an agreement with Japan for manufacturing diesel engines as well.

### Prince has checkup

JEDDAH, Nov. 8 — Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal, the elder son of King Faisal and chairman of the King Faisal Philanthropic Foundation, returned here from Riyadh Friday after a check-up at King Faisal Specialist Hospital whose results were negative.

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# Gulf war weakens Arabs, Syria says

DAMASCUS, Nov. 8 (AP) — Syrian President Hafez Assad's government believes the Iran-Iraq war has weakened the Arabs' ability to confront Israel and led to an increased U.S. presence in the Middle East officials here say.

Syria's official media has attacked Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's regime during the course of the war, now in its second month. But Syrian officials firmly deny Damascus has taken Iran's side or provided Tehran with military aid.

The reason for not giving aid, these officials suggest, is that Syria does not want to see any further weakening of Iraq's army, which sent 400 tanks and 18,000 men to the Syrian front in the 1973 Mideast war with Israel.

"The United States had the ability through Camp David to take Egypt out of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Now the Americans are taking Iraq out of the struggle for the next few years," Ahmad Iskander Ahmad, minister of information and a member of the ruling Baath Party leadership, said in a recent interview with the Associated Press.

Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization share the view that the overall impact of the Gulf fighting is to weaken their cause.

"Those who are hurt most by the war are those who support the central Arab cause, which is the cause of the Palestinians," said Iskander. "We believe the war is not in the interest of the Iraqi or Iranian people."

Syria has adopted an official position of neutrality even though it puts Damascus at odds with its prospective merger partner Libya, whose leader Muammar Qaddafi, has

called on Arab states to align "with the Muslims of Iran instead of fighting them on America's behalf."

However, Syria's official media has sharply attacked Iraq for waging a war that diverts attention from the issue of Palestinian independence.

The Damascus daily *Al-Baath* newspaper at one point called the Iraqi leadership "perverted."

Claiming Syria and Libya were sending military supplies to Iran, Iraq broke relations with both countries on Oct. 11.

Iranian officials have also denied that they were getting military aid from Syria and Libya.

Assad's government called on the Arab League to make an independent investigation to disprove the allegations and insisted that Syria supported a peaceful solution to the conflict.

"The Arab homeland and Iran are the real losers and the forces of imperialism and Zionism are victorious," said Iskander. "Syria finds no justification for that war and advocates stopping it because the conflict concerning the frontiers can be settled in more than one way without resorting to war."

Iskander accused the United States of prolonging the conflict with the aim of "realizing an increased American presence in the Arab homeland." He referred to an armada of U.S. warships clustered in or near the Gulf.

Other U.S. objectives, he said, are to destroy the development plans of both Iraq and Iran, divert attention from the Palestinian issue and divide Arab ranks.



King Hassan

## King Hassan opens meeting of Jerusalem, Palestine panel

RABAT, Nov. 8 (AFP) — King Hassan II of Morocco has opened a meeting here of the Tripartite Commission charged with working out a global strategy for countering Israeli moves with regard to Jerusalem and Palestine by the last Organization of Islamic Conference session.

Participating in the meeting, held at the royal palace under the chairmanship of the king, were Presidents Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh and Ahmad Sekou Toure of Guinea, as well as OIC Secretary-General Habib Chatti of Tunisia.

The Tripartite Commission was called into being by a conference of OIC countries' foreign ministers, who discussed a number of measures that could be applied against Israel and its supporters with a view to the recovery of Jerusalem, and the liberation of Israeli-occupied territories.

The list of measures proposed, which include use of the oil weapon for leverage, will serve as the basis for the work of the Tripartite Commission, which when completed is to be submitted to an Islamic summit meeting that in principle is scheduled to take place at the end of this month at Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Libyan personnel were also there to help operate "sophisticated weapons."

"We have been forced to knock on all doors for help, even the doors of the devil," Kamougue said. He said he had no knowledge of any treaty of friendship or defense between Goukouni's government and Libya.

The Chadian vice president, who arrived in Paris from Egypt, which unofficially favors Habre's faction, said he had conferred with French Cooperation Minister Robert Galley about scholarships, credits for cotton cultivation, and the general situation in Chad.

He denied there was any movement for secession in southern Chad, of which he is the de facto political leader.

Meanwhile, Galley told the French Chamber of Deputies Friday that France was "concerned" by the reported presence of Libyan troops in Chad. He said he could not confirm reports that there were as many as 2,000 Libyan soldiers backed by heavy weapons in Chad.

## Chadian vice-president sees end to war 'within 10 days'

PARIS, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Chad's seven-month-old civil war, in which thousands of Libyan troops have reportedly intervened over the past week, will be over within the next 10 days, Chadian Vice President Wadal Abdelkader Kamougue claimed here Friday.

The armed Forces of the North (FAN) of former Defense Minister Hissene Habre were "in desperate straits" and "will be destroyed wherever they are," he said.

Col. Kamougue, whose Chadian Armed Forces (FAT) back Chadian President Goukouni Weddeye's Popular Armed Forces (FAP), told reporters that if Habre was not "reduced to the silence of the hereafter," he would be able to foment "new uprisings."

As soon as the fighting was over, he said, serious political peace talks would take place. His faction favored a decentralized government with power delegated to provincial authorities.

Answering a question, he said it was "possible" that Libyan arms were in Chad and that

## U.S. to test RDF in Egypt

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP) — The U.S. Defense Department has announced it plans to airlift a small force of U.S. ground troops to Egypt next week in the first such overseas test of the new Rapid Deployment Force (RDF).

The operation, involving about 1,400 army troopers and airmen as well as ground attack planes of the state of New Mexico National Guard, will be conducted under a news blackout imposed by the Egyptian government.

Officials say they are puzzled why the Egyptians are barring any on-the-spot news coverage of the arrival at Cairo west airport of the desert maneuvers.

The brief announcement said Egypt "has invited the U.S. to send a unit" from the Rapid Deployment Force "to take part in training with Egyptian ground forces within the context of cooperation between the two countries in this field."

The main force, comprising a battalion and supporting units from the 101st Airborne Division based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, will arrive in Egypt Nov. 12 and 13 for training that will last about two weeks, the announcement said.

They will then return to the United States, as will eight A-7 ground attack planes flown by members of the New Mexico Air National Guard at Kirtland Air Force Base.

## Numeiri to visit Ethiopia Nov. 18

ADDIS ABABA, Nov. 8 (AFP) — President Jafar Numeiri of Sudan will pay an official visit to Ethiopia beginning Nov. 18, the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry announced here Saturday.

Ethiopian Head of State Mengistu Haile Mariam visited Khartoum last May when the two countries normalized relations, which had been severely strained since 1977 by the

secessionist war in Ethiopia's Eritrea province.

Sudan had been allowing arms for the Eritrean fighters to transit through its territory, and had given refuge to thousands of Eritrean refugees.

Mengistu, currently on an official visit to Moscow, is expected to return to Addis Ababa this weekend. It was not known how long Numeiri would remain here.

## New tremors hit Al Asnam; 20 hurt

ALGIERS, Nov. 8 (AP) — A series of severe earth tremors shook the western Algerian city of Al Asnam Saturday, leaving 20 people injured, half of them critically, the Algerian Press Service reported. The agency said most injuries were caused by falling debris from buildings that had been damaged in the quake that devastated this city Oct. 10.

The critically wounded have been evacuated to hospitals in Sandakas and Oued Rhiau,

the agency said. They include five children and one pregnant woman.

More than 10,000 persons were killed or missing in Al Asnam and villages in a 160 kilometer radius during last month's disaster. Many bodies are believed still buried under the ruins and no complete death toll has been established thus far.

The new series of tremors began shortly after midnight and continued at intervals throughout the night until 0755 GMT.

## BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS, (AP) — An Israeli delegate to the United Nations has said he would introduce a resolution in the U.N. General Assembly's main political committee Tuesday proposing a conference of all Middle Eastern countries to negotiate a treaty making the region a nuclear-weapon-free zone.

ROME, (R) — Greek Catholic Arch bishop Hilarion Capucci said Friday he was profoundly upset about a statement made by U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan which described the Palestinian people as "terrorists" or refugees. Capucci said in a statement he hoped that Reagan's remarks would not become part of future U.S. foreign policy.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — Two youngmen have been arrested after two powerful bombs exploded in Quetta Tuesday, five days before the city is to be visited by Pakistani leader Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, sources close to the local government reported Friday.



Gen. David Jones

## U.S. military chief visits Turkey today

ANKARA, Nov. 8 (R) — Gen. David Jones, the top U.S. military commander will arrive in Turkey on Sunday for talks with the generals who seized power here in September.

A statement by the ruling National Security Council said Gen. Jones, chairman of the joint chief of staff, would hold talks in Ankara with the military leaders and visit the regional NATO headquarters in the Aegean port of Izmir before leaving on Tuesday.

He was invited by the council, which has confirmed its intention of maintaining its role in NATO since it came to power on Sept. 12. Relations between Turkey and the U.S. dropped to a low ebb in 1975 when Washington imposed an arms embargo on its ally after the Turkish invasion of northern Cyprus. The U.S. had been so far Turkey's biggest arms supplier.

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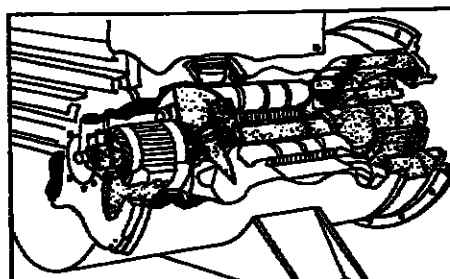
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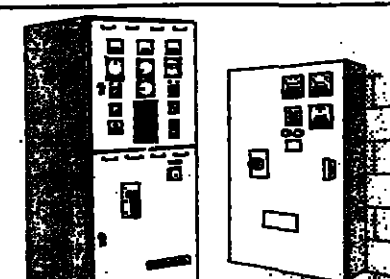
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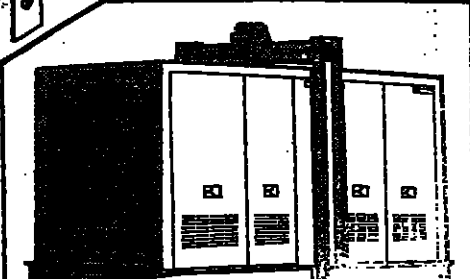
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## Borg, Mayer advance in Stockholm tennis

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Bjorn Borg made easy work of Swiss Davis Cup player Heinz Günthardt to reach the quarter-finals of the Stockholm Open tennis open here Friday.

The Swedish No. 1 seed cruised home 6-2, 6-3 and now plays Yannick Noah of France for a place in the semifinals. Noah booked his berth in the quarterfinals with 7-5, 6-3, over giant American Victor Amaya.

Gene Mayer, the only seeded player remaining besides Borg and U.S. Open champion John McEnroe, defeated compatriot Butch Walt 6-2, 6-1 to face former Israeli army sergeant Shlomo Glickstein.

Per Hjertqvist, the young Swede who looks and plays like his famous compatriot Borg and who eliminated top American Harold Solomon earlier in the tournament, continued his progress Friday with a 6-2, 6-4 triumph over compatriot Ulf Eriksson. Hjertqvist now meets American Bob Lutz on Saturday.

Off court Borg was fined for the second day in a row for refusing to appear at a press conference after Friday night's match. His one-man boycott of the Swedish press so far has cost him \$1,200 in fines.

In other tennis matches, second seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and third seed American Brian Teacher coasted with straight set victories through their quarterfi-

nal matches in the \$75,000 Hong Kong Tennis Classic in Hong Kong Friday.

Lendl, 20, scored an easy 6-2, 6-1 victory over eight-seed American Terry Moor in the first dash between seeded players so far in this seven-day tournament.

The Czech tennis ace, tipped by many as a future star on the men's circuit, will play Chile's Jaime Fillol in the semifinals. Fillol gunned down a hard-fighting Tom Gullikson of the United States 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Lanky Brian Teacher, who stopped Australia's doubles expert Peter McNamara 6-3, 7-6 this afternoon, will face an inspired Louk Sanders of the Netherlands, who overpowered American Vincent Van Patten 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

Teacher broke serve to lead 5-2 against McNamara, who with fellow Australian Paul McNamee won the Wimbledon doubles title earlier this year.

McNamee overcame the fearsome serving power of the No. 3 seed to break back 5-3, only to see his efforts wasted when he dropped his service in the ninth game to concede the opening set.

Both players held their serve in the second set until 6-all, forcing a tie-breaker. Teacher started with an ace to race to 3-1 lead. The Australian battled back two points before Teacher won the next five points, including two other aces.



Renne Abastillas

(photo by L. Thomas)

## Hurst, Mason take doubles Abastillas wins local open

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Nov. 8 — Renne Abastillas won the Jeddah Open singles title Friday night in an undistinguished performance which was still good enough to trounce shaky Paddy Rogan 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.

The doubles title went to Jerry Hurst and Bill Mason whose 6-1, 6-3, drubbing of the spirited Fityani and Dajani team was nearly as convincing as Abastillas.

In the grand masters, a steady baseline performance by Brian Radley brought a victory over Joe Thibault.

Thus the weekend went out with a whimper after having come in with a roar on Wednesday night.

A tournament atmosphere had finally arrived by then with the singles quarter-finals occupying the four courts. The main attraction was on court three where the biggest upset of the tournament occurred. Abastillas lost a game — In fact he lost four, and a gritty performance by Joe Reilly earned an ovation after what would have been a fine match as the final.

Jim Hagan said he lost several pounds hustling Eric Madison into losing the first set, but ran out of steam and went down 6-7, 6-3, 6-1.

Madison turned up for his semifinal with Abastillas "feeling nice and loose," but must have felt totally unbinged after a 6-0, 6-2 crunching.

Khaled Fityani and Paddy Rogan won their quarter finals easily and moved to a semifinal clash Thursday night when a mediocre Rogan put an off-form Fityani out of the title chase 6-4, 6-4.

In the doubles quarterfinals Wednesday, Rogan and Cunningham were on the court two hours, finally downing Briers and Sterry 14-12 in the third set. They only lived to fight one more day, though, crashing 4-6, 4-6 to

Mason and Hurst in the Thursday night semis.

The generally successful tournament was marred by two things: Jerry Hurst's absence from the singles and the consistency of the inconsistent umpiring.

The tournament organizers were unwilling to allow Hurst, the current Air France champion, or anybody, re-schedule first and second round matches, and Hurst had work commitments.

The line calling occasionally brought murmurs from the crowd, and at times the umpiring was indecisive. Players as well as spectators commented on some of the erratic officiating, but no serious disagreements developed.

Still the doubles final saw Dajani and Fityani lose the fourth game of the first set on a questionable call which put them 3-1 down and visibly shook their confidence. Briers and Sterry had a bad call at 4-all in their final set and could have gone 5-4 up instead of down. The Fityani and Rogan semifinals saw an outburst after another dubious call. Even the finals had inadequate numbers of line judges.

One thing was clear to everyone — Renne Abastillas proved his complete superiority throughout the tournament, losing only eleven games in five matches. From the start, everyone else was only fighting for second place.

Paddy Rogan began the final in a determined mood, and Abastillas' initial hesitance allowed the first set to reach 3-3. From then on Rogan rapidly lost form and was continually guilty of unforced errors, especially at the net. Abastillas hammered forehand winners and was content to allow Rogan to make the mistakes.

The Jeddah Open represents the start of the tennis season here in Jeddah. The Jeddah League starts Nov. 22 and culminates in the Air France tournament next year.

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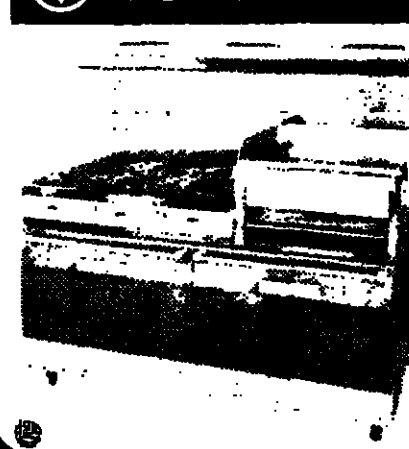


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## Buck free tosses beat Celts

BOSTON, Nov. 8 (AP) — Bob Lanier, Marcus Johnson and Quinn Buckner combined for five free throws in the final 61 seconds Friday night as the Milwaukee Bucks rallied down the stretch for a 102-101 National Basketball Association victory over the Boston Celtics.

In other NBA action, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Earvin "Magic" Johnson led a Los Angeles Lakers explosion that buried the Dallas Mavericks from the start in a 126-102 win.

Tom Owens came off the bench to score a season-high 27 points as the Portland Trail Blazers rolled past the Golden State Warriors 122-113.

## Formula One rival called 'fantasy'

PARIS, Nov. 8 (R) — The ruling body of motor sport denied Friday there was chance of a rival Formula One Grand Prix series next year as announced last week by the Formula One Constructors' Association (FOCA).

A statement from the International Motor Sport Association (FISA) issued in Paris Friday said that, to date, none of the organizers of the 15 Grands Prix in next year's calendar has withdrawn, and that FISA has even received further requests to stage official

Vinnie Johnson scored 20 points to lead the Seattle SuperSonics to a 113-94 victory over San Diego.

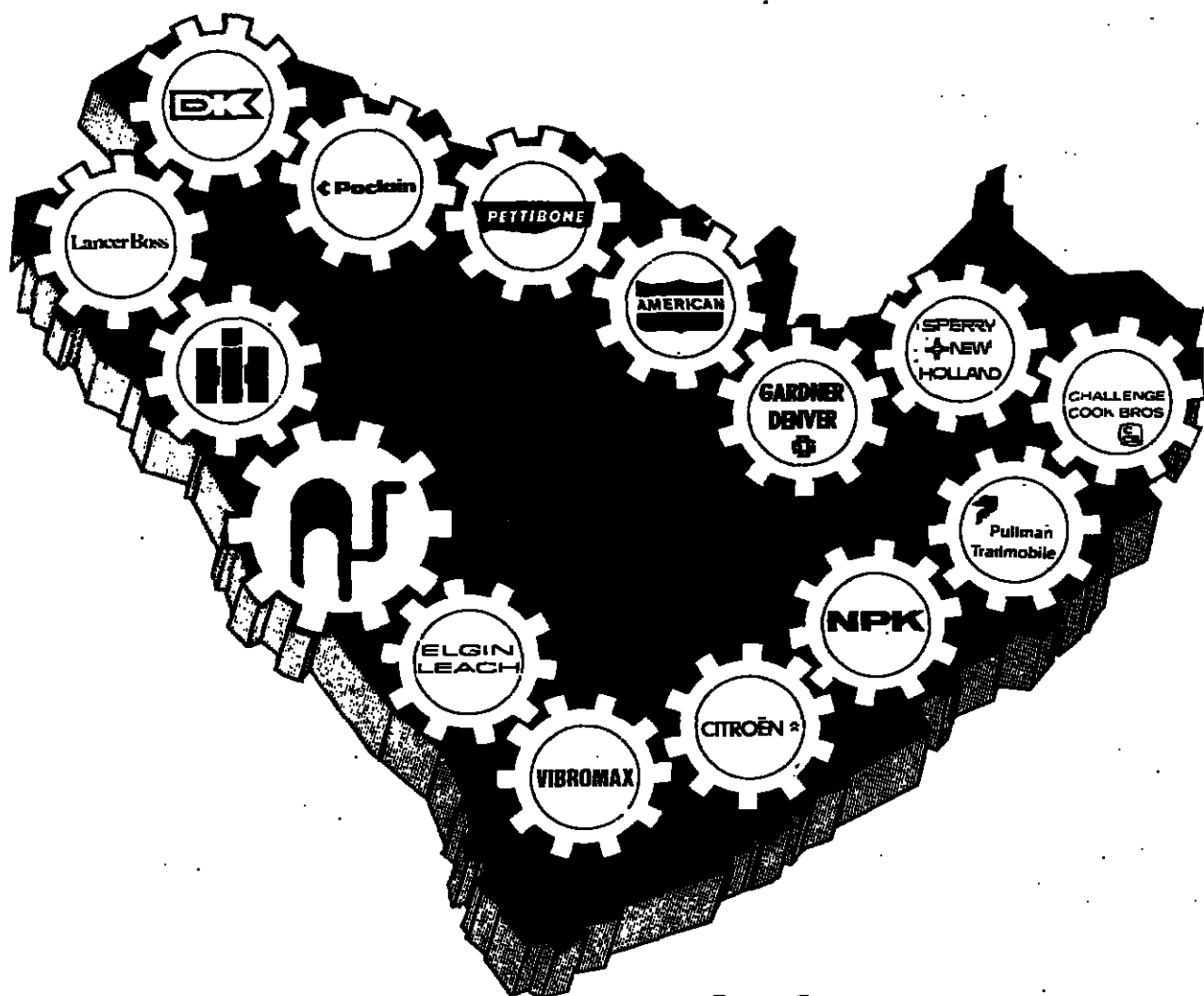
Larry Kenon scored 27 points as the Chicago Bulls defeated the faltering Atlanta Hawks 103-100 after nearly squandering a 21-point lead in the final period.

Bobby Jones scored a season high of 23 points and led the Philadelphia 76ers to a 117-110 victory over the Kansas City Kings, their 10th straight win.

Center Bill Cartwright scored 27 points — 17 of them in the second half — and Camp Russell hit for six key points down the stretch to give New York a 124-115 victory over Denver.

FOCA's statement Friday described FOCA's plans as "pure fantasy" and added that the national automobile clubs of Mexico, South Africa, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Italy and Sweden have confirmed by telex they would not tolerate FOCA-organized Grand Prix on their respective territories.

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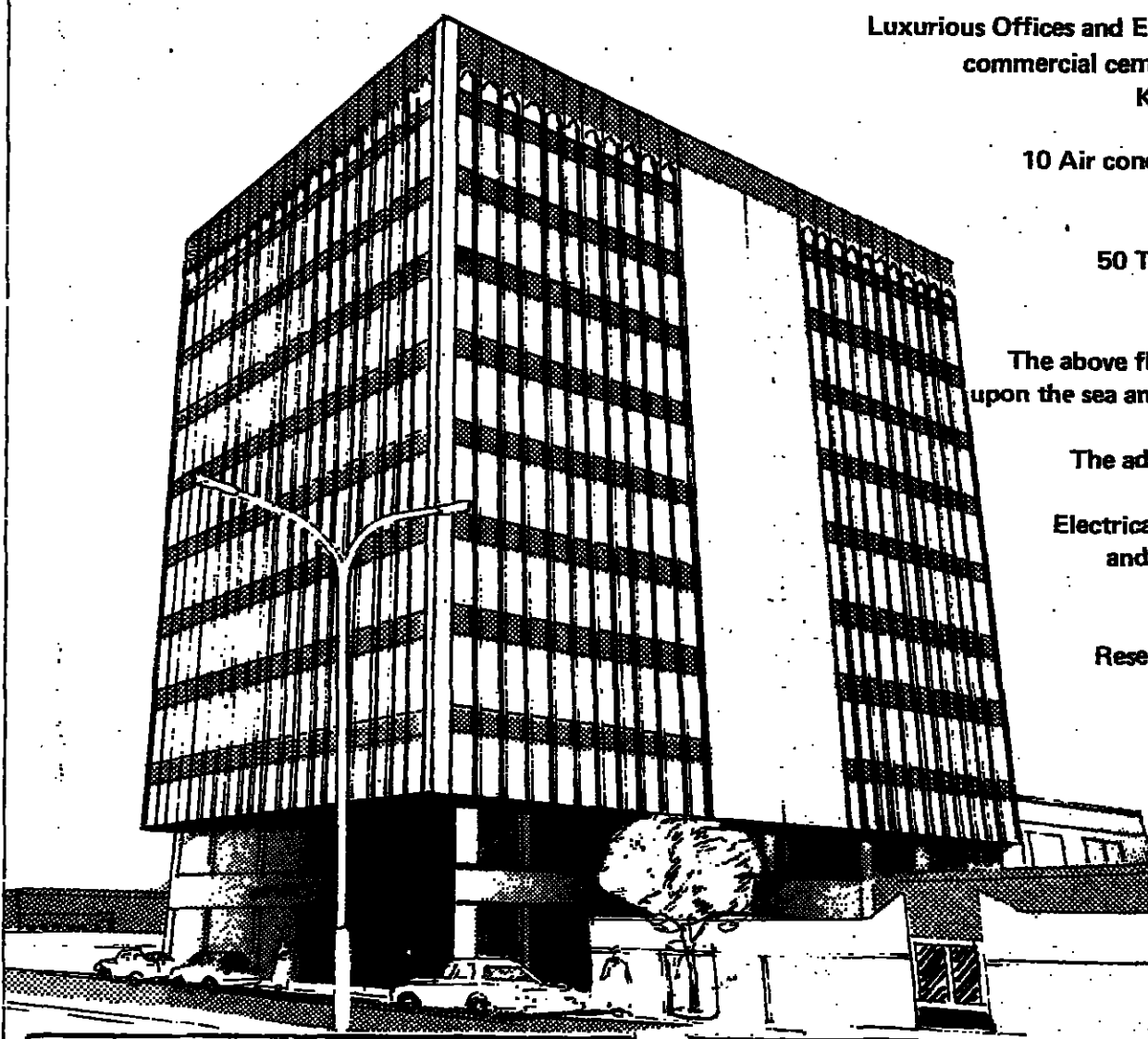
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# Direct flight between two Kingdoms

## Saudia flies to Bangkok

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 8 — A Saudi Arabian press delegation has returned over the weekend from Thailand after attending the opening of Saudia's direct ceremonies between Jeddah and Bangkok.

The delegation, led by Saudia vice president of public relations Ibrahim Shawli, included senior company officials based in London and West Germany, and a journalist from a British daily newspaper, and a representative from Tibama advertising agency of Jeddah.

Saudia country manager in Bangkok Khaled Khodary said the TriStar's L-1011 inaugural flight landed at Don Muang airport with full load and he expected more than 70 per cent capacity for the two-way twice weekly direct flight between the kingdoms of Saudi Arabia and Thailand.

Khodary said Saudia office in Bangkok, opened three months ago, will provide the "best service" for passengers and expressed the hope of extending the company's services to other Far Eastern capitals.

The aircraft, piloted by Captain Ahmed Sayes, touched down at Bangkok ten minutes ahead of schedule and the delegation and crew were received by Thai officials and

members of the Saudi Arabian embassy.

The flight, enjoyed by a very few world airlines, was of "an historic" importance to Saudia to further develop the friendly relations between Saudi Arabia and Thailand, Khodary said.

The new flight between the capitals of the two Kingdoms also "indicates Saudia's marked expansion" since it began in May, 1945. That year the state-run corporation began operations with three DC's planes, one of them presented by American President Roosevelt to the late King Abdul Aziz, the founder of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Saudia now has one of the most modern fleets with wide body jets forming the bulk of its long-haul operations. As of May 1980, Saudia's fleet comprised 13 TriStars L-1011, six B-747, nine B-707, 20 B-737, five DC-8-60 and ten small aircraft.

An order of five L-1011 aircraft has been placed recently to cope with the increasing demand in Saudi Arabian aviation. The Jeddah-based corporation serves 40 major cities in 20 countries on three continents. Saudia also operates a unique domestic service, linking 20 major centres in the Kingdom.

The airline has completed recently one of the most advanced flight training centers in

the world.

The center, which provides the airline with adequate flight crew, is equipped with up-to-date training facilities, including one 737 simulator and a TriStar and a complete L-1011 galley.

The center has class rooms with the latest automated equipment, instructors work areas, and facilities for hostess grooming and appearance.

Late in September 1978, Saudia received a new flight simulator of Lockheed TriStar L-1011 has been installed some four months ago.

Saudia has made another achievement in the aviation industry by adding a computer program system known as MEMIS. (Maintenance and Engineering Management Information System).

The new flight training center and MEMIS are two examples of the varied training opportunities at Saudia, and a growing number of Saudi Arabian nationals are taking up these training opportunities.

Saudia, which opened an office in May 1980 at 3/11-12 Decho Road, Bangkok, "endeavors" to provide its clients the best standard of service Khodary added. The office, will handle twice-weekly TriStar L-1011 operations and is manned by a 15-member staff and country manager.

The addition of Bangkok to Saudia flights "is expected to bolster economic and cultural links and friendly relations between the Kingdoms of Thailand and Saudi Arabia," Khodary said.

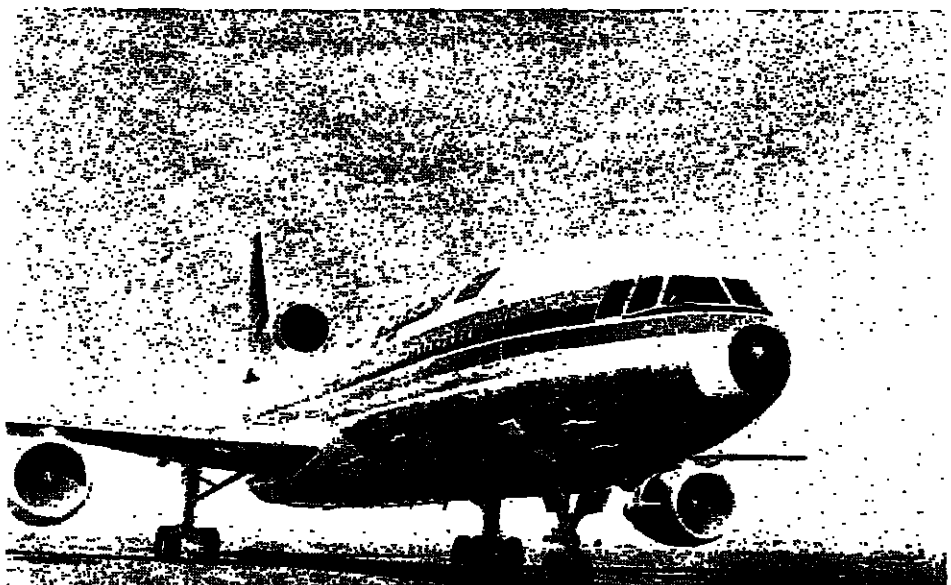
The state-run airline corporation was capable of boosting its passenger capacity from 1.5 million in 1975 to 6.5 million in 1978, and it expects this year to carry more than 8 million passengers.

The company's recent annual report showed that its total operating revenue was up nearly 24 per cent on 1978 at almost SR3.25 billion. Revenue passengers carried and cargo uplifted both increased by more than 23 per cent on 1978 at 8 billion and some 61 million kilograms respectively.

Saudia's employee headcount increased by 26 per cent during the year its fleet of aircraft expanded with the addition of five new TriStar L1011s.



RECEPTION: Khaled Khodary (center back row), Saudia country manager in Bangkok with members of the Saudi Arabian press delegation and company officials at a reception in Bangkok he gave to mark the inaugural flight between Jeddah and Bangkok via Riyadh.



A Saudia TriStar landing

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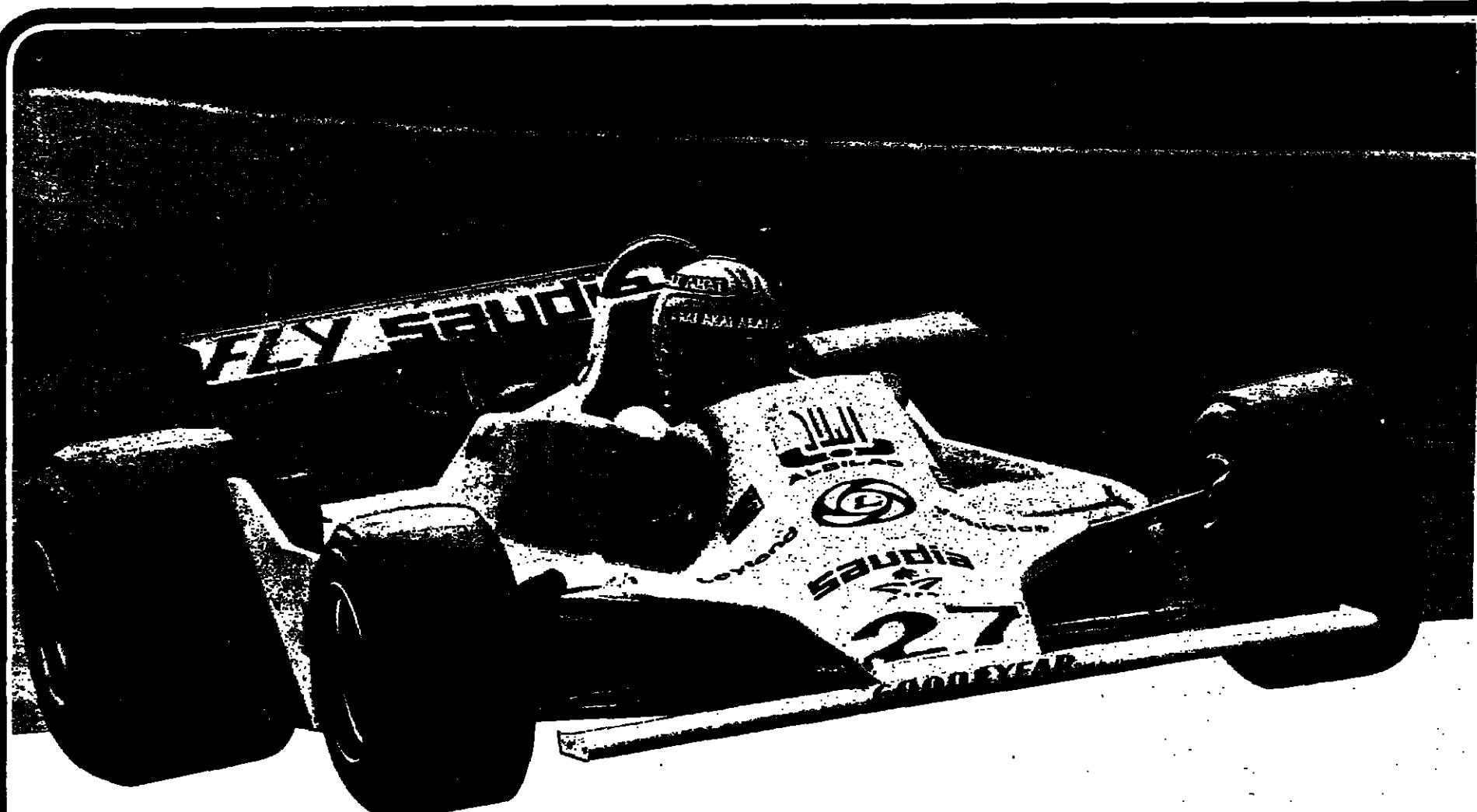
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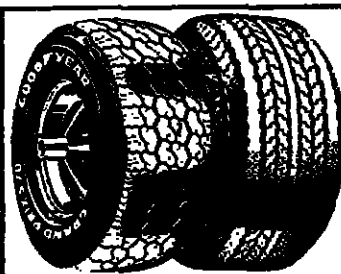


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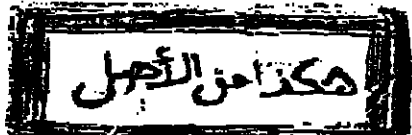
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## REAGAN AND THE ARABS

The Arab world owes Carter the ill-starred Camp David agreements, the divisive, less than honorable separate peace Egypt signed with Israel, the continuation and intensification of the injustices suffered by the Palestinians both in the occupied territories and outside them.

Carter too is directly responsible for the billions of dollars poured into Israel, as well for the vast stores of ultra modern weapons enabling Israel to continue with its policy of aggression, expansion and persistent provocation.

And it was Carter who ensured that the United Nations' resolutions against Israel, over the issues of Jerusalem and the illegal settlements, were emasculated. It was Carter who fired his U.N. representative Andrew Young for daring to talk to the PLO representative.

What, then, of Reagan from the Arab point of view? The president-elect went on record during his electoral campaign as a headlong supporter not of Israel in general, but of the most obstructionist and obstructionist section of its leadership, that of Begin. He specifically gave his support to Israel's steps over Jerusalem and the settlements; and went on to promise unlimited aid so that Israel remains impervious to Arab and international pressure for justice in the Middle East.

Arab observers realize that electoral talk is not the same thing as a considered policy. But surely it affords sufficient indication on the future role of the United States in the Middle East.

## President-elect Reagan and his mandate

By Bob Lebling  
and Fawzi Asmar  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — When Americans went to the polls Tuesday to select their president, they were angry and frustrated. Their minds were on the deteriorating economy, the declining quality of life in America.

The voters wanted a change — a dramatic change in national leadership. And in overwhelming numbers, they decided Ronald Reagan was the man to lead them.

The frustration and anger have been there for a long time. But until this week, these feelings had not coalesced into a political statement. The presidential race had been extremely close, with many voters undecided whether to blame the country's problems on President Carter, and whether Reagan had the ability to solve them.

But last Sunday, people began making up their minds. President Carter's televised speech Sunday evening on the hostage situation underscored the popular feelings of helplessness and frustration. Even though the year-old hostage crisis was not the key issue in people's minds — economic woes were preoccupying most of the voters — the continued detention of the 52 Americans in Iran served as an unpleasant reminder of the Carter administration's

perceived ineffectiveness on a number of fronts. Carter's foreign policy, as such, did not play a significant role in Tuesday's vote. Carter tried to emphasize foreign policy issues — such as nuclear non-proliferation and Reagan's views on the use of U.S. troops in foreign trouble spots — but the voters were not interested.

Most Americans were concerned instead with such pocketbook issues as inflation, unemployment, high taxes and the expanding government bureaucracy. Carter failed to provide the electorate with convincing solutions to these problems. Many of America's economic woes, Carter claimed, were beyond the control of any president. For example, he blamed OPEC for the high inflation rate in the U.S. But many Americans found Carter's arguments unconvincing.

The sizable bloc of undecided voters — perhaps 10 to 20 per cent of the electorate — whose support Carter desperately needed to win, abandoned the president in the final hours of the campaign and cast their lot with Reagan.

The nationwide sweep by the Republican candidate, his party's capture of the Senate (for the first time in 26 years), and major Republican gains in the House of Representatives all add up to a powerful public mandate for President-elect Reagan.

The growing conservative trend in the country, as

evidenced by Tuesday's vote, is expected to enable Reagan to push through many of the domestic tax cuts, streamlining of the government bureaucracy, deregulation of private industry, and encouragement of domestic energy production.

Likely to suffer will be the many social programs created under previous democratic administrations.

On the foreign policy front, Reagan's mandate for action is less clear. He is expected to gain Congress support for expanded military spending, but there are serious questions whether the American public would back the use of U.S. troops in international crisis areas, as Reagan seems to favor.

On the Middle East, the future policies of the Reagan administration are also hazy. Arab leaders would be wise to ignore Reagan's campaign rhetoric in support of Israel, since his aides admit that the sole purpose of such pro-Zionist statements was to win the support of Jewish voters in the election.

As it turned out, Reagan did not need the Jewish vote to defeat Carter. According to latest estimates, the Republican candidate received about one-third of the Jewish votes nationwide, with Carter taking almost half and independent candidate John Anderson getting the rest. The Jewish vote is usually only a factor in close elections, and Reagan's sweep was overwhelming in all parts of the country.

Thus Reagan will not have to account to the

American Jewish community for his future actions — unlike Carter in 1976, who owed his victory in such key states as New York and Florida to the support of Jewish voters.

The Reagan campaign lost one of its key pro-Israeli advisers several weeks ago, with the resignation of foreign policy aide Richard Allen amid charges of influence peddling. Sources say Allen will not be a part of the new administration, but there are still a number of influential Zionists in the Reagan camp who, if given official posts in the new administration, could direct the course of Reagan's Middle East policy.

But some observers believe Reagan will abandon these pro-Israeli aides in favor of more balanced Middle East specialists from the traditional Republican establishment.

If this happens, Reagan, who still has a great deal to learn about the Middle East, could prove to be far more sympathetic to the Arab world than Carter has been.

It is important to keep in mind that a number of Reagan's key financial backers have been top executives of large U.S. corporations that deal on a regular basis with the Arab countries. These corporate officials, who favor close ties with the Arabs, could have a major influence on Reagan's approach to the Middle East.

## America's largest chemical contamination (II)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In the second of two articles, Joyce Egginton raises the crucial questions of man-made disasters. Who takes responsibility? And what happens to the victims?)

By Joyce Egginton

NEW YORK — The PBB disaster in Michigan, in which chemical poisoning spread throughout the population from contaminated animal feed in 1973, was not a single bizarre incident, but rather an expression of what can happen in any industrialized society. A quirk of fate chose as the earliest victim a farmer called Rick Halbert, the only Michigan farmer with a master's degree in chemistry. How would it have been if his farm had been spread?

Would anyone else have taken the time and trouble to do the scientific research on cattle feed which Halbert pursued for months, with no official encouragement? Dr. would this disease which afflicted so many Michigan herds and baffled veterinarians have been written off as a medical curiosity?

Would it ever have been linked to the cases of mental confusion, digestive problems, skin ulcerations, bone deterioration, and miscarriages which subsequently happened to formerly healthy people? Or they to one another? Would anyone have thought of the possibility of a widespread toxicosis? Probably not. Which leads to the conjecture that, on a smaller scale, other contaminations may have gone undiagnosed.

In every industrial country, these days, there are communities with an inexplicably high incidence of

some unlikely medical condition, such as liver cancer, leukemia or sterility. Who knows whether some local factory, chemical dump or nuclear reactor was responsible?

In the last two decades, man-made chemicals have been proliferating at the rate of thousands a year. The face of farming has been changed by new herbicides and pesticides. U.S. homes and work places and wardrobes are full of plastics and synthetics. But little attention has been paid to balancing the risks against the benefits. The American data indicates that industrially-induced cancers are developing at a much faster rate than is cancer research. Meanwhile, new chemicals are put on the market with no real knowledge of the long-term effects upon mankind and his environment.

When Michigan was contaminated, the only poisoning of which most local doctors had experience was the acute kind which makes people immediately ill. They failed to understand a chronic toxicosis which builds up over months, slowly retarding bodily functions, and for a long time they insisted that PBB appeared to do no damage. "We were mired in a swamp of ignorance," the state's director of public health later admitted.

Far from helping the Michigan victims, all the institutions of democracy worked against their interests. After the bureaucrats, the medical authorities, and the press had failed them, some sought compensation through the courts. They soon found that justice is weighted in favor of those industrial giants who can produce quantities of expert witnesses, and who can sustain for years the cost of appeals.

After seven years, the only compensation which has been paid out in Michigan has been in out-of-court settlements, on terms dictated by the chemical and feed companies which were responsible for the damage.

"We deserved much more than we received," said one Michigan lawyer of a recent farm settlement. "But it would have meant going back to court for a long time, and our money and energy had run out."

It would be tragic enough if this were true only of Michigan. But while I was working on my book about PBB, the chemical contamination of Love Canal (near Niagara Falls) happened, then the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania.

Covering these stories for *The Observer*, interviewing victims, was like living through a re-run of that other contamination which was never far from

my mind. I kept remembering something Rick Halbert said about the PBB incident: "I imagined a nuclear disaster would be something like this."

He likened the people living close to the reactor to the heavily contaminated farmers of his state; those in the wider path of the fallout to the consumers who are farm products — "all of them suffering, with no one coming to their aid, while the utility company and the various government departments argue about who is responsible."

Theoretically, the mix-up at Michigan Chemical Corporation was an accident which could never happen. So was Seveso, Three Mile Island and Love Canal. If others are to be prevented, we must either live without the conveniences of a chemical and nuclear age — or find a better way of dealing with the devastation and human misery when something in the new technology goes wrong. — (OFNS)

## Letter to the editor

Dear sir,  
The recent *Arab News* features describing the Hajj and what the pilgrimage means to the Muslims was an invaluable insight for the expatriates. Having been here in the Kingdom only since August this year I've attempted to learn much about the people of Saudi Arabia and Islam. Your efforts in this regard are to be highly commended: not only for the recent Hajj articles but also the regular features on the Kingdom and its people.

I will be leaving the Kingdom soon, as my work assignment has been completed. However, my

experiences in the Kingdom will remain with me for the years to come. I wish to thank the people of Saudi Arabia and the *Arab News* for meaningful reporting for providing me and fellow expatriates with a very worthwhile experience. Should I return to your country, the *Arab News* will be like an old friend to me.

Truly yours,  
Robert Williamson  
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## Saudi Arabian Press Review

In a lead story, *Al-Jazirah* Saturday reported that Canadian Premier Pierre Trudeau would pay an official visit to Saudi Arabia mid-November to discuss the Middle East issue and the North-South dialogue. *Okaz* led with Israeli Premier Begin's statement that the United States President-elect Ronald Reagan would halt Camp David talks for a year. Iraq's siege of the Iranian oil town of Abadan formed the lead story in *Al-Medina* while *Al-Nadwa* gave lead prominence to Israeli air and land assaults on South Lebanon. *Al-Bilad* put in a banner headline the advent of the 15th century of the Islamic Hijri Calendar Sunday.

In a front-page story, *Al-Jazirah* highlighted a Jeddah-based U.S. embassy official's denial of America's supply of any arm's spare parts to Iran. In another page-one story, *Al-Jazirah* quoted Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak as saying "our policy is in keeping with Reagan's declared policy".

Newspapers put on their front pages stories on the arrival of Bangladesh President Zia-ur-Rahman in Jeddah, on his way to Rabat to attend the ongoing deliberations of the Jerusalem Committee chaired by King Hassan II of Morocco. Also on front pages was a story on Interior Minister Prince Naif's submission of copies of the fifth issue of his ministry's Statistical Book to King Khalid, Crown Prince Fahd and Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard. *Al-Medina* played as a front page story a statement by the visiting Turkish Foreign Minister

who said he looked forward to discussing several matters of mutual concern with his Saudi Arabian counterpart Prince Saud Al-Faisal. *Al-Bilad* said in a page-one story that King Khalid was to receive the Turkish Foreign Minister at the Royal Court in Riyadh Saturday.

Newspaper editorials stressed the importance of the upcoming Arab summit conference in Amman. They said the conference would provide an opportunity for Arab leaders to play a decisive role in regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict. They urged the Arab states to remain alert to Israel's possible attempt to exploit international circumstances and continue its assaults on South Lebanon. In an editorial, *Al-Medina* reiterated that the Arab world would continue to remain optimistic that the U.S. would adopt a balanced stance on the Palestine issue. The paper said King Khalid's congratulatory message to Ronald Reagan was a reminder of the fact that the government and people of Saudi Arabia and of the whole Islamic nation were anxious to wipe out the Zionist tyranny on the people of Palestine. It called upon the U.S. to change its stances in the Middle East and act according to the resolutions of the United Nations which urge the Zionist entity to give up its expansionist policy.

*Al-Jazirah* and *Al-Riyadh* warned against Israeli attempts to exploit the present international situation and commit further aggression on South Lebanon to grab the Arab territory. So far as the Middle East is concerned, the paper said, there

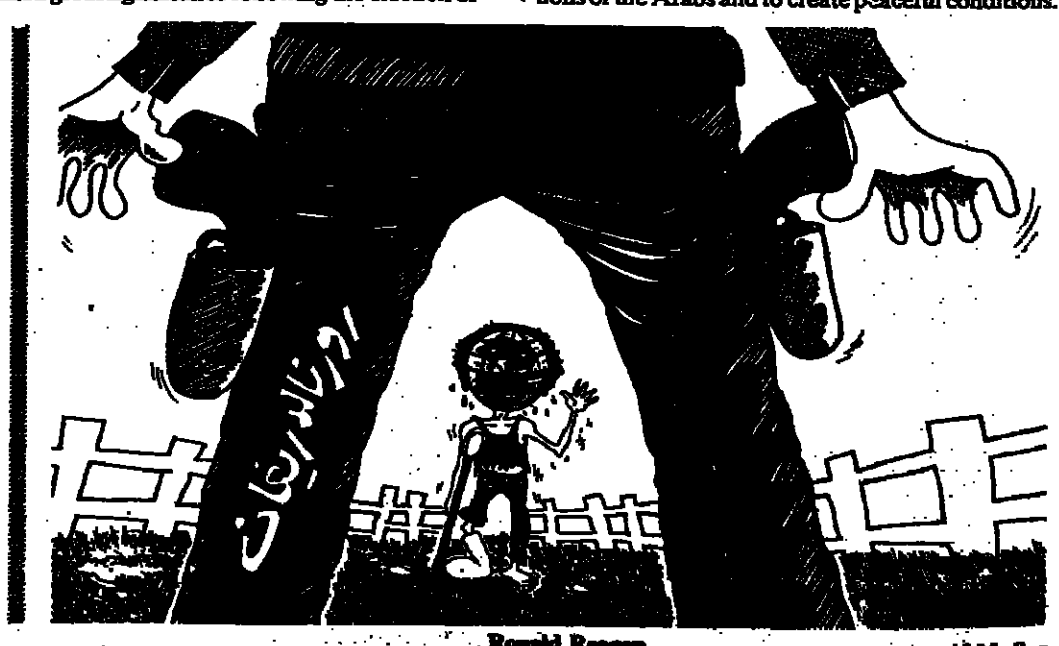
seemed to be no difference in the policy of Carter and Reagan, especially in regard to the recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). *Al-Jazirah* noted that Reagan's coming to power and his promises to Israel might encourage Israel to go ahead in its occupation plans. It added that Israel has proved through its recent attack on South Lebanon that the prevailing situation is quite suitable to perpetrate further assaults on the Arab territory.

*Al-Nadwa* in an editorial called for an effective move by the Arabs to secure South Lebanon from the Israeli attacks. It added that the escalation of Israeli assaults immediately after Israeli President's visit to Egypt and Reagan's victory in the U.S. presidential elections unmask Israel's real intentions in the region. It reiterated that the enemy's object is not merely confined to the occupation of South Lebanon but stretches far beyond to feed and protect the secessionist elements, so it could be possible to create communal statelets and ignite strife among the people of one country.

*Al-Yom* warned against the Zionist attempt to implement an expansionist plot before a moderate attitude appears in Reagan's policy after assuming the Presidential chair. It commented that Israeli Premier Begin had seized the opportunity of U.S. elections to announce the annexation of Jerusalem, and sweep South Lebanon and erect more Jewish settlements on the occupied Arab lands. It reiterated that any such steps by the enemy would prove

to be a grave threat to world peace. The paper touched on the Arab summit conference and said that the convening of such a conference has assumed great significance following the election of

Reagan as the U.S. president. The conference would be called upon to map a comprehensive strategy, in order to be able to realize the aspirations of the Arabs and to create peaceful conditions.





## In Amazonian lake

## Gentle manatees move to a secure home

By Madeleine Jacobs

WASHINGTON, (SNS) — Nearly hunted to extinction for its durable hide and delectable meat, the Amazonian manatee, a gentle, homely aquatic mammal with no known enemies except man, may soon be making a comeback in its native waters.

The endangered manatee is getting a timely assist from scientists at the National Institute for Amazonian Research (INPA), based in Manaus, Brazil, in the heart of the world's largest river basin, and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, located in the Republic of Panama.

American cousin, whose numbers have been greatly reduced by years of intense commercial exploitation and by the loss of the creature's natural habitat resulting from industrial development.

Between 1935 and 1954, an estimated 400,000 manatee skins — ignominiously destined to become machine belts — were exported from Amazonia through the river port of Manaus. Manatees have been legally protected as endangered animals in Brazil since 1967. But even now, because of the vast areas involved (Brazil occupies half of the South American continent), the inaccessibility of much of the terrain and the few game

plains and long river channels — wherever there is enough vegetation for them to feed. As adults, the torpedo-shaped, round-tailed creatures may grow to 10 feet in length and may weigh up to 2,000 pounds.

To maintain this size, the strictly herbivorous animals devour large amounts of such aquatic plants as sea grasses and water hyacinths, a trait which some ecologists believe could be used to control undesired aquatic vegetation that frequently chokes tropical irrigation canals, lakes and waterways.

However, unlike the Florida manatee, which has been studied directly by scientists in its native habitat, the Amazonian manatee is extremely difficult to find and observe. "They are shy creatures and are usually completely submerged in the water," Montgomery says. "When they come up to breathe, all you can see is a set of nostrils. Moreover, visibility in the muddy waters of the Amazon and its major tributary systems where they live is only 3 to 6 feet at most."

To solve this problem, Montgomery and Best developed a method to keep track of manatees by using radio transmitters. Montgomery had previously carried out extensive radio-tracking studies of terrestrial mammals, and Best had been working since 1976 on methods for rearing and maintaining manatees in captivity. This collaboration resulted in a successful demonstration that an Amazonian manatee could be captured, held in captivity, fitted with a radio transmitter, released unharmed into native waters and followed closely for a relatively long period of time.

This mini-field study provided the underpinning for a prototype manatee relocation project which began late last year. With the cooperation of Amazonian natives, Best, Magnusson, Montgomery and their colleagues traveled upriver from Manaus to capture manatees which had become stranded in areas where the water levels were low because of drought or because the water had been diverted to other purposes. Left to their own devices, the docile manatee, which do not defend themselves even when attacked, would undoubtedly become the prey of hunters.

In a series of three trips, the scientists netted 19 animals and brought them back to Manaus by boat. The manatee spent the four-and-a-half-day boat ride peacefully lazing about in make-shift swimming pools.

"These animals are a pleasure to work

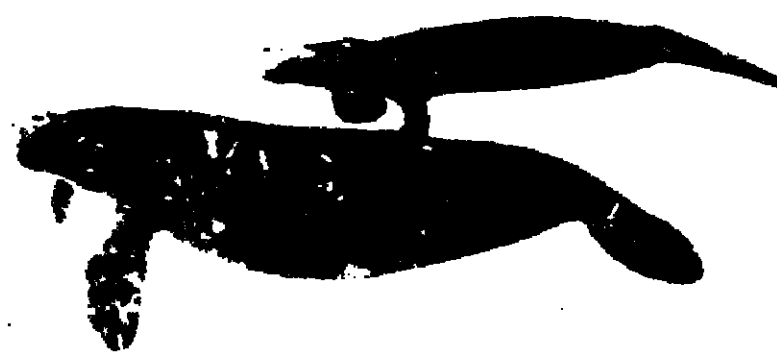
with," Montgomery says. "Although they wouldn't win any beauty contests, they are endearing, interesting and nonaggressive animals. They act as if they enjoy being handled. Anyone who works with them likes them immediately."

From Manaus, the manatee traveled again by boat, for three-and-a-half days, to Santarem, a town located near the newly formed, 21-242-act tropical Lake Curua-una, created by Brazil's massive hydroelectric development along the Amazon. There, each animal was weighed, measured and examined, and a miniature radio transmitter was fastened as a collar around the narrow portion of the animal's body above its terminal fin. This past spring, the animals took a final two-and-a-half-hour truck ride to Lake Curua-una, where they were released into their new home.

For the next several years, the whereabouts and habits of these manatee — and as many as 30 additional animals that will be captured and relocated — will be followed by scientists, who will track the animals via radio signals transmitted from their collars. The signals will be monitored with the help of antennas mounted on small aluminum boats in the lake.

"By following the animals daily for long periods of time," Montgomery says, "we hope to find out where they live in the lake and what kinds and how much vegetation they eat. In about a year or so, we will use the radio signals to find and recapture the animals. This will allow us to determine their weight gain and general health. Young manatees in the lake will be captured and marked, and in this way we can monitor the growth of the population."

Montgomery, Best and other scientists are



FAMILY: a female manatee and its calf swim in a holding pond before moving to their new home

hopeful that the relocated manatee will thrive and reproduce in the man-made lake. If things go as planned, the manatee will also keep the lake clear of unwanted vegetation.

If they do, then a large-scale program of stocking such lakes with manatee to form breeding populations could be undertaken. Eventually, some manatee might be relocated to native areas where they no longer exist. Similar programs could be implemented for the two other endangered manatee species — the West Indian manatee (which is the same as the Florida species) and the African manatee.

The Amazonian, West Indian and African manatee, along with a close relative, the dugong of the Indo-Pacific region, are the only four species left in the once-sizeable collection of animals known as the Sirenia. Fos-

sil records indicate that these large aquatic mammals, which date back 50 million years, were at one time widespread near the coasts of the warmer seas of the world.

The largest of the sirens, Steller's sea cow, literally was eaten out of existence by hungry seal hunters within a few decades of its discovery in 1741 in the Bering Sea. Whether the manatee escapes this fate may hinge on the outcome of projects such as the one in Brazil.

Montgomery admits that he would love to see the manatee as plentiful as in the days when sailors, too long at sea, mistook them for mermaids. "It will probably be many years before we know whether we have made an impact," he says. "But right now, the manatee can use all the help it can get."



FRIENDLY: a manatee gazes southily up at its captor

These researchers, with support from the Brazilian national electric company, Eletronbras, are hoping to breed manatees in the warm waters and lush vegetation of man-made tropical lakes formed from hydroelectric projects on tributaries of the Amazon River. The "home-grown" manatee would then be used to restock areas where the animal's populations have been depleted by hunting.

The much-publicized plight of the Florida manatee, whose once-plentiful herds have dwindled to only 1,000 animals, has overshadowed the crisis confronting its South

wardens available to enforce the laws, manatee continue to be killed, primarily for their meat.

Protection of the Amazonian manatee also has been hampered by a lack of information about their ecology and life history, according to Dr. G. Gene Montgomery, a biologist at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute who is working on the manatee conservation project with his Brazilian colleagues, Drs. Robin C. Best and Bill Magnusson at INPA.

This much is known: The Amazonian manatee lives in freshwater — in lakes, flood

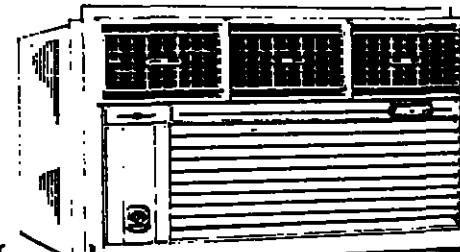
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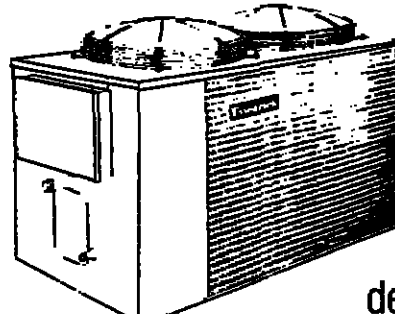
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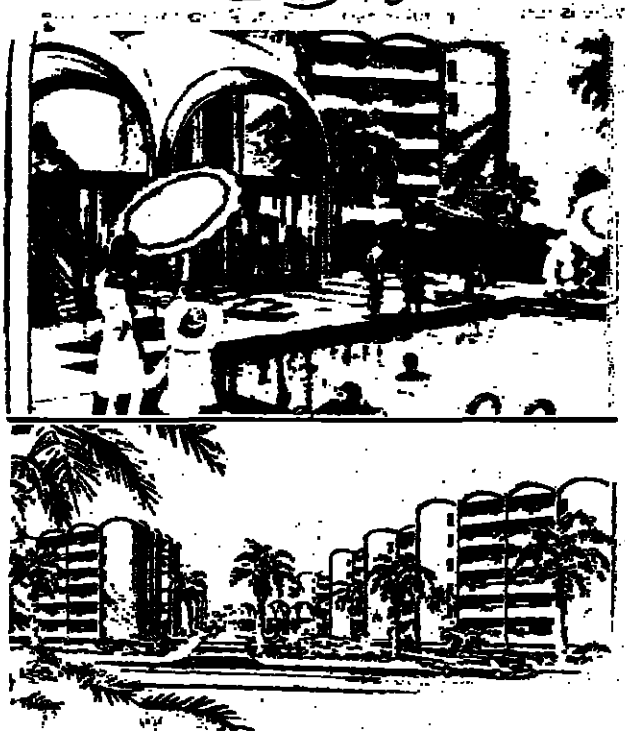
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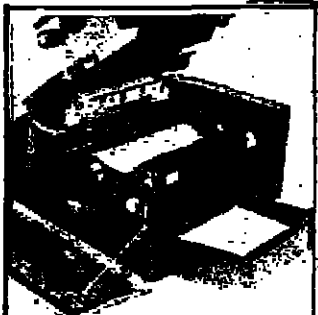
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## Algiers talks

## 4 OPEC members to seek price rise

ALGIERS, Nov. 8 (R) — Oil ministers of the four African OPEC members gathered in Algiers Saturday for a meeting which oil industry sources said might result in their seeking a price rise. The aim of the three-day talks, the first of their kind, is to coordinate the oil policies of Algeria, Libya, Nigeria and Gabon.

Algeria and Libya are among the pricing militants within the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The official Algerian News Agency said the ministers would also consider the plight of developing countries, particularly in Africa, hit by the suspension of oil exports from Iraq and Iran because of the Gulf war.

The agency did not say specifically that the four would export extra oil available to needy countries but it said the ministers would study "the possibility and means of supply to developing countries, notably the African countries." Algerian officials have said privately that \$40 for a \$42 U.S. gallon barrel would be a reasonable price by the end of this year for the premium sweet crudes produced by the African exporters.

They now charge around \$37 a barrel compared with \$30 for the heavier Saudi Arabian light crude which serves as the marker on which other OPEC prices are aligned.

Saudi Arabia, seeking to moderate OPEC

prices, said earlier this year the African producers should trim their rates to achieve a unified OPEC pricing structure with a narrower differential between the marker and their prices.

Oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) last met in Vienna in September when they agreed to freeze prices until the next regular pricing session of the 13-member group in Bali, Indonesia, Dec. 15.

Since the Vienna session, when a glut prevailed in the world market, the Gulf war has robbed the world of Iraqi and Iranian oil exports totaling nearly 40 million barrels per day (BPD) or more than one-tenth of total OPEC output.

Tony Machintosh, partner and oil analyst with British Brokers Wood Mackenzie, said he did not think that in the long term premium African crudes would be worth more than a five-dollar differential above the marker Saudi Arabian light crude.

Saudi light is at present priced at \$30 a barrel although Mackintosh said he would be surprised if Saudi Arabia raised it to \$32 or \$34 at the next OPEC pricing session.

The Saudis, the biggest producers, and Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar held a meeting of their oil ministers in October to discuss the effects of the Gulf war. One result was that they are making a total of about one million BPD of extra oil available.

## OPEC board of governors to hold talks this month

VIENNA, Nov. 8 (Agencies) — The secretary general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Rene Ortiz continued Friday the OPEC board of governors will meet here Nov. 28 as scheduled and that OPEC oil ministers will meet the following month in Bali, Indonesia, Dec. 15.

The secretary general's confirmation was contained in the Friday report of OPEC's News Agency. An OPEC summit in Baghdad and a consultative meeting of oil ministers last month were postponed, while a seminar scheduled to start here Nov. 24 was postponed to the first half of 1981.

Ortiz said the board of governors, among other things, will prepare the oil ministers meeting in Bali.

Ortiz said it will be a regular meeting of the oil ministers as OPEC also has some "ordinary business" to handle, some of it dealing with coordination policies of the petroleum industry.

In Jakarta the widely-circulated afternoon newspaper *Sinar Harapan* Friday questioned whether the forthcoming meeting of OPEC in Bali should still be held in view of the Iran-Iraq conflict.

## U.S. presidential election dominates sentiment on trade

LONDON, Nov. 8 (AFP) — The likely effects of the U.S. presidential election dominated sentiment on the commodity markets this week. Prior to the result, trading was very quiet but firm.

Subsequently, following the landslide victory of Ronald Reagan, speculative buying of gold, other metals and rubber developed as it was felt that the new administration would be more "hawkish" on defense — which in turn would be "good" for these essential commodities.

But dealers, wary of still higher U.S. interest rates and prospects of a fresh downturn in the U.S. economy and forecast by influential analysts, quickly reversed their positions.

Gold suffered one of its biggest one-day falls on Thursday. Tin and aluminium slumped to their lowest for 15 months.

But for grains, there was the possibility that the U.S. embargo on grain shipments to the Soviet Union may be lifted by the new president.

Sugar was a strong strong feature, jumping to new highs, before retreating, cocoa fell to its lowest for nearly four years and coffee weakened again.

Gold: erratic, the "bullish" sentiment which pervaded the market prior to and immediately after the U.S. presidential election quickly collapsed as New York failed to follow, the growing strength of the U.S. dol-

lar and the rise in U.S. interest rates brought a wave of selling orders. Meanwhile, South African production over the first nine months of this year was the lowest for 19 years, according to the South African chamber of mines.

Copper: Easier, prices fell to their lowest for two months after initial gains had been derived from gold. But with U.S. producers daily more hopeful of finally settling the long miners' strike (now in its fifth month in some plants), and the sudden change of sentiment elsewhere, after the latest rise in U.S. interest rates, sellers predominated.

## Poland runs short of food; heating fuel becomes scarce

WARSAW, Nov. 8 (R) — Polish shops are beginning to run seriously short of food and with the onset of an early winter the problem is assuming dramatic proportions. Queues appear to be growing longer than ever at meat shops and supermarkets, and basics like sugar, potatoes, eggs, milk, flour and butter are being bought faster than stocks can replenish.

The latest casualty is table salt, a commodity extracted from Poland's 1,000 year old salt mines near Krakow in southern Poland which

## Wholesale prices, unemployment increase U.S. inflation problem

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (R) — Wholesale prices and unemployment both increased in the United States last month, underlining the problems of inflation and recession that face the incoming administration of Ronald Reagan.

The labor department said Friday that wholesale prices rose by 0.8 per cent in October after a drop of 0.2 per cent the previous month, which was the first decline in more than four years and had raised hopes that inflation was beginning to ease.

It said the jobless was slightly higher at 7.6 per cent compared with 7.5 per cent in September. Both sets of figures are adjusted to take account of seasonal variations, and the

wholesale price increase for October amounted to an annual rate of 10.6 per cent. It said car prices rose 3.4 per cent in October, accounting for almost half the overall jump in producer or wholesale prices. Food prices increased 0.5 per cent.

The only encouraging part of the price picture was energy. The labor department said energy prices overall dropped 0.4 per cent for the month, the same as September. Government and private economists have said they expect prices at both the producer and the consumer level to keep rising at a double-digit pace for the rest of this year and into next year.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Currency	Rate	Unit	Rate
Bahrian Dinar	—	—	8.90
Belgian Franc (1,000)	105.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.79	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	169.00	172.00	171.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	157.00	—	156.70
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirati Dirham (100)	—	89.00	90.25
French Franc (100)	73.00	75.00	74.20
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	75.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	43.30
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	—	9.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	37.00	36.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.50	—	15.80
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.00	11.02
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.37	12.37
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	94.25	95.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	85.50	85.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.70	33.70
Philippine Peso (100)	—	44.50	44.50
Pound Sterling	8.00	8.14	8.07
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.40	91.40
Singapore Dollar	—	1.30	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	44.50	45.75
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" " "	Consultancy services to stop water leakage into the basement of Mecca complex	16/1400/1401	100	Nov. 16
Ministry of Education	Printing of papers for examinations above the primary stage for academic year 1980/81	17/T	500	Dec. 21
University of Petroleum and Minerals, Dhahran	Construction of 10 residential units (Project No. 29/3/137(C))	—	350	Jan. 5
" " "	Fencing and beautification of university buildings (Project No. 29/3/137(D))	—	250	Jan. 5
" " "	Beautification of the laborers' zone (Project No. 20/3/137(E))	—	250	Jan. 5
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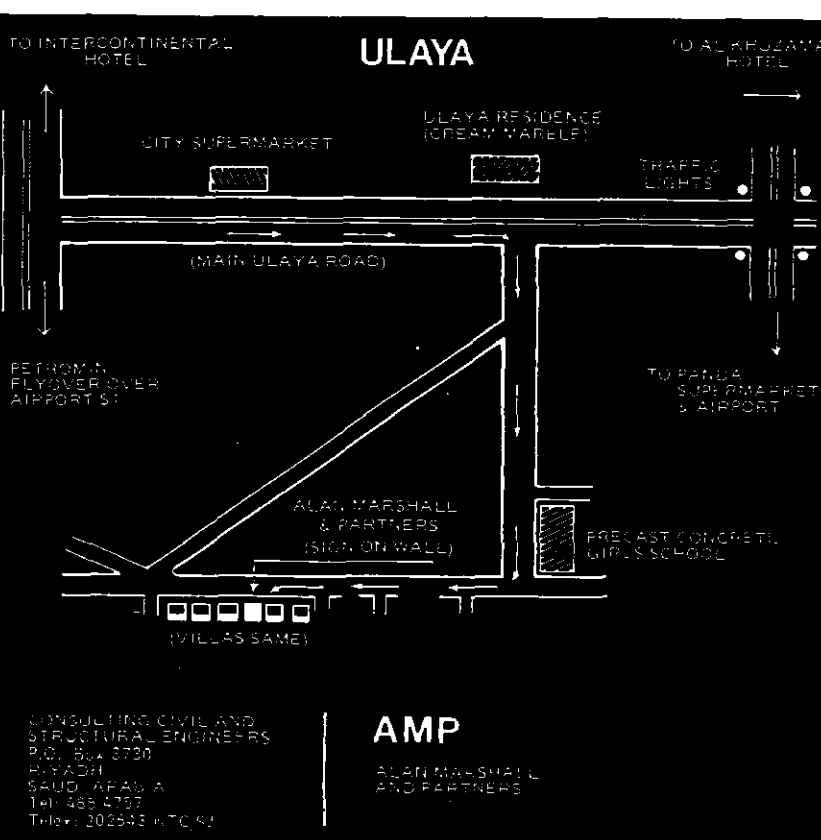
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The 56-year-old author, who is known by his initials JJSS, has enlivened and confused the French political scene with a career as a politician that now appears to have run out of steam.

His aim in *Le Defi* is to produce a primer on the world's economic crisis intelligible to readers of any nation. The main events that have led the West to recession, the Arabs to riches, the Japanese to success and the Third World to ever increasing poverty are marshaled in a thriller writer's narrative style with suspenseful chapter headings — "The Paris Plot," "The Cry of McNamara," "The Laughter of Honda," "India's Problem."

But JJSS has a solution to the world's problems. Almost half the book is given over to outlining his belief that the micro-processor, the mini-computer which is easily made and costs almost nothing, can be used to bring employment to the Third World and open new markets

for the suffocating economies of the West.

First reactions to *Le Defi* in Europe range from the qualified admiration of French critics to the outright rejection of the German magazine *Der Spiegel* which headlined its review "Der Grosse Bluff."

The zest and deep concern for the Third World of JJSS outweigh the reservation of the principal French reviewers, one or two of whom worked with the author on the brilliant team he gathered two decades ago on the magazine *L'Express*.

The doubts are centered mainly on JJSS's happy ending — the micro-processor solution. "That's where, to our way of thinking, the book goes off the rails," writes Pierre Drouin of *Le Monde*.

The author is clinging to his cure for the world's ills with undimmed enthusiasm. He announced to a radio audience a few days ago: "I am for the first time in my life resolutely optimistic. If we can manage our resources in the difficult years ahead a very exciting future will open out to us — a job for everyone in the world."

JJSS contends that the OPEC powers took a decision a few months ago to invest their money in the Third World rather than in Swiss and in European real estate. He believes that it is now up to the West and Japan to see that the Third World skips the outdated industrial era and is brought straight into the computer age.

"The day of large cities is over," JJSS says.

Within the space of a generation the backward populations of the Third World can make the change to a micro-processor society in which people can perform the relatively simple computer operations without leaving their villages.

The reflection and research behind *Le Defi* was the work of an ad hoc group of international talents called Le Groupe de Paris which JJSS has deployed across the world. The high-pressure salesmanship behind the book is now recouping the costs of this operation.

But what is uppermost for JJSS, who has a considerable personal fortune, is to be in the forefront of a crusade for "the computerization of the world." He inevitably raises hackles. His opponents point with irritation to the way in which he is attaching the name of his book to the computer controversy which was well under way before he came on the scene.

On French radio and television JJSS called last week for the immediate opening of "a great debate" about the issues involved in the micro-processor revolution and how it can transform education and employment. JJSS suggested that his book could provide the basis for debate in schools and help "every citizen" to reach a decision on the subject — which sounds like the sort of sale publishers dream about.

## Another Communist dynasty?

## Zhivkov's daughter gains power in Bulgaria

SOFIA, Nov. 8 (R) — Bulgarians are beginning to feel the impact of Lyudmilla Zhivkova, the energetic daughter of the country's durable president.

At the tender age, by Communist standards, of 38, she is for practical purposes the second most powerful person in Bulgaria, and one of the two most influential women in Eastern Europe.

Mrs. Zhivkova is responsible for education culture and science in the Communist Party Politburo, the top body, and is also ministerial head of the state committee of culture.

Her meteoric rise through the ranks as she joined the Politburo last year without becoming a candidate member first as is usual — has to expectation that she could become the first woman to head an Eastern bloc country in succession to her father, Todor Zhivkov, who has led Bulgaria for a quarter of a century. In an interview, she shrugged off the suggestion, saying: "The question is of no concern to me, only to journalists. Only time will provide the answer."

The only other possible candidate around is Elena Ceausescu, the 61-year-old wife of Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu. Mrs. Ceausescu, a member in the permanent bureau of the Romanian Communist Party, a sort of "inner cabinet", was earlier this year appointed first deputy prime minister, making her formally number two in Romania.

Mrs. Zhivkova, a slim, intense woman with dark hair pulled back tightly over her head, is one of the more enigmatic personalities in Eastern Europe, combining the practical and theoretical in an unusual blend. On the practical side, she has opened up Bulgaria to outside culture, including much more from the West, and has revamped the education system to emphasize work-related training for students.

At the same time she has thrown herself into the pursuit of "new socialist man", an abstract ideal that appears to combine oriental mysticism, European philosophy and Marxist doctrine in a mixture that even some of her admirers find puzzling.

In an effort to raise the level of aesthetic education, Bulgaria has set up local culture councils in every town and village. "We want to make people active rather than passive consumers of culture," Mr. Zhivkov said.

She has injected much of her considerable energy and a sizeable chunk of Bulgaria's national resources into expanding the state's cultural activities. She has organized an exhibition of Leonardo da Vinci, sent on tour a collection of Thracian treasures from Bulgaria's early times, and is now involved in organizing next year's 1,300th anniversary celebration.

She was also behind the construction of a giant culture center in central Sofia, including

a hall where next year's Communist Party congress will take place.

Not everyone is happy with what she is doing. Some Bulgarians resent the high cost of the culture center in the current lean international economic climate, which has hit this country as hard as any. Some of the old-guard orthodox Communist Party members are reported to be concerned about the recent flood of Western films and books into the country, although it is still on a selective basis.

According to Western diplomats the big buildup to next year's anniversary is unlikely to please the Soviet Union, which is traditionally suspicious of nationalist feelings that could loosen ties to Moscow. Some of Bulgaria's neighbors are reported to be worried that the anniversary might be used to revive old territorial disputes, such as with Yugoslavia over Macedonia. Mrs. Zhivkova dismisses these fears as groundless, saying: "Bulgaria has the right to understand its place in the world."

A young Bulgarian journalist acknowledged that Mrs. Zhivkova had detractors as well as admirers. "She is a little unorthodox, but we need someone like her to bring in new ideas, and get them into practice," he said.

Western diplomats give her high marks for intelligence, energy and organizational ability. "She has promoted several friends to important positions, but they all seem very able technocrat types," one said.

## American film star McQueen dies of heart attack

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 8 (R) — Film star Steve McQueen, who had lung cancer, died Friday in Juarez, Mexico, of a heart attack, a spokesman for the actor said here. McQueen was 50 years old.

McQueen died at Santa Rosa Clinic several hours after he had undergone an operation for the removal of a tumor, the spokesman said. "The operation was deemed to have been successful, but apparently proved too much of a strain for McQueen," the spokesman said.

McQueen's wife of 11 months, Barbara and his two children, a daughter, Terry, 21,

and Chandwick, 20, by his first wife, actress Neile Adams, were with him when he died, the spokesman said.

McQueen, a solitary man, fought to the end to live a normal life, making films and working on his California ranch until the pain became unbearable as the disease spread to his neck, stomach and chest. Knowing that neither operations nor chemotherapy would reverse his condition, he pinned his survival hopes on a course of treatment in Mexico which included positive thinking vitamins, laterite, minerals, coffee enemas and preparations made from the innards of unborn sheep.

McQueen publicly denied until last month that he had the disease. He explained later:

"The reason was to save my family and friends from personal hurt and to retain my sense of dignity as, for sure, I thought I was going to die."

## Bush seeks AP tree

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 8 (AFP) — A tree rented by the Associated Press just outside president-elect Ronald Reagan's Pacific Palisades house near here has become so famous that it was the first thing vice-president-elect George Bush asked to see when he arrived there Wednesday.

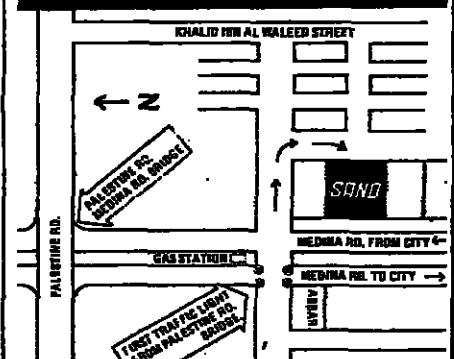
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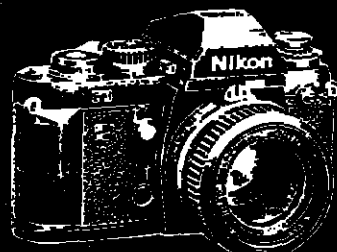
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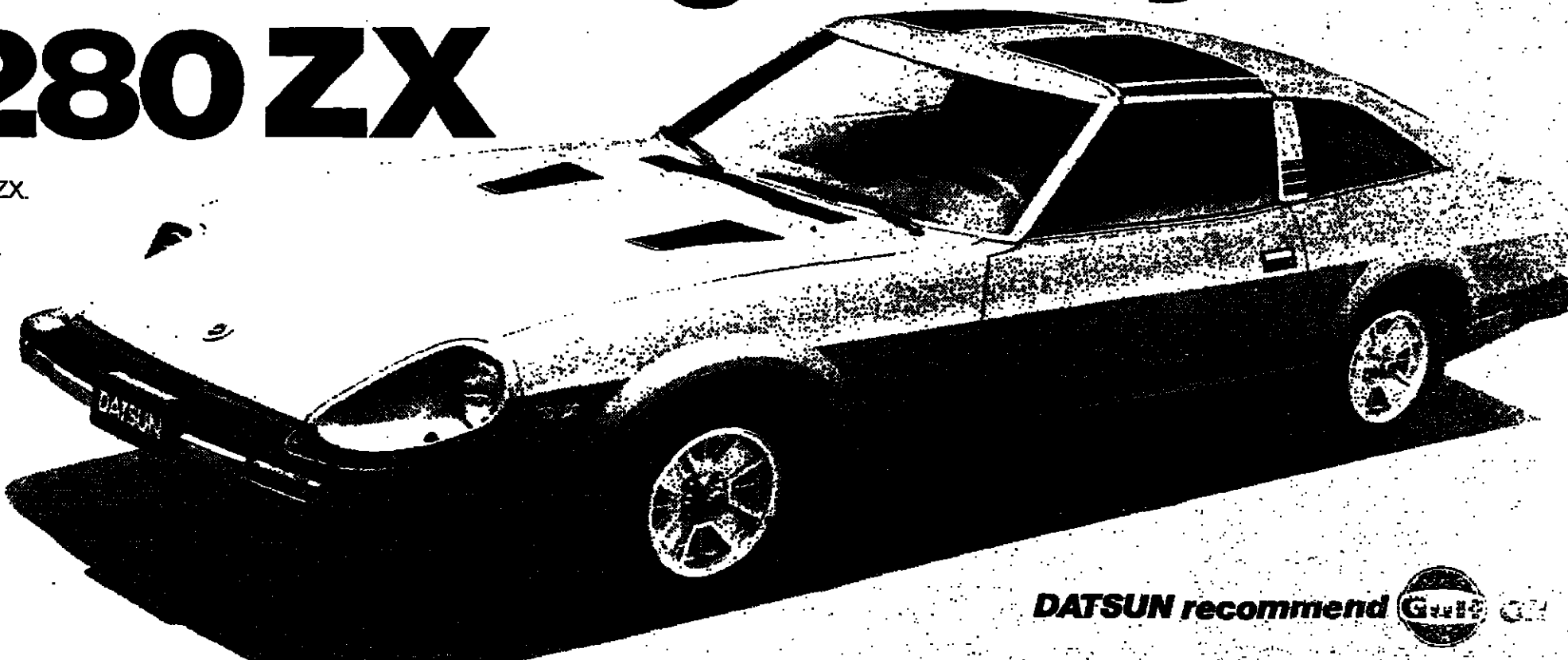
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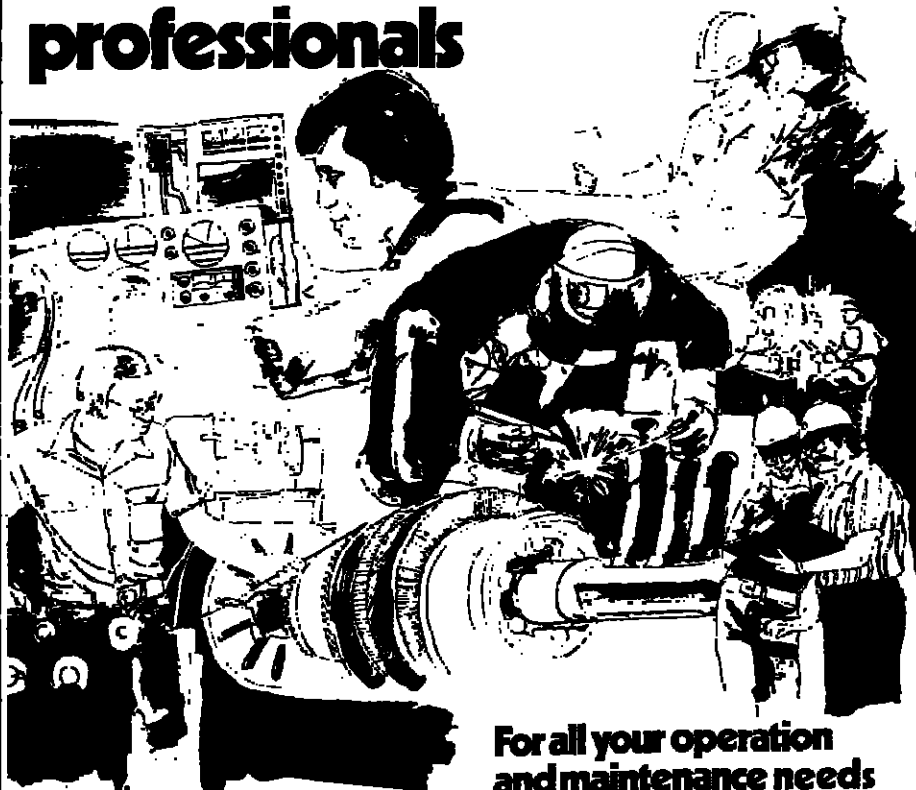
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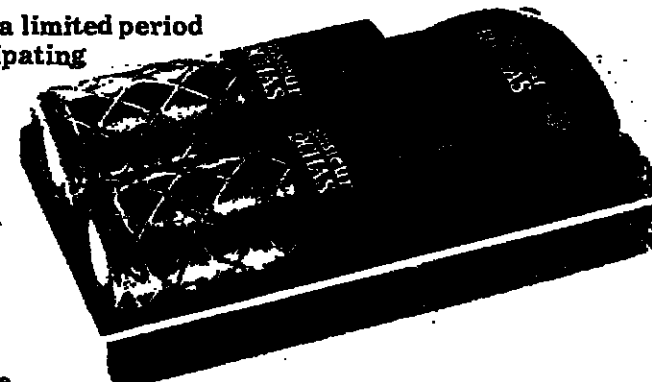
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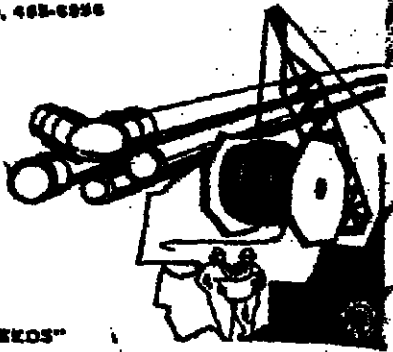
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## Warsaw may halt strike with troops

WARSAW, Nov. 8 (AP) — The Polish Communist Party would use troops to avert a strike threatened for Wednesday and may prohibit stoppages in sectors such as the food industry, a top party official said here.

Solidarity, labor leader Lech Walesa's union federation, has threatened to call a strike for that day if it is not satisfied with a supreme court ruling on a Warsaw court's alteration of the union statutes. The supreme court is to meet on Monday.

The current Polish situation is particularly difficult, the party official told Western journalists Friday night.

A strike would constitute the greatest possible danger for the country, and increase lack of discipline and chaos, she said. Troops could be used to help maintain order in Poland but will not participate in a solution of the crisis, the official said. The army had other functions — which she did not specify — and the Russians were perfectly aware of this, she said.

\*There were limits in the current crisis that could in no instance be exceeded — namely

the foundations of the socialist system and the Communist Party's leadership role, the official said. Solidarity has challenged the Warsaw court for having added to the union statutes a clause referring to the party role.

The official indicated contacts had been made between government and the union and expressed the hope a compromise will be found. It is possible authorities will make concessions, but not fundamental ones, she said.

Polish-Soviet military exercises were taking place on Polish territory, she said, but added she was convinced these had nothing to do with the labor crisis. The maneuvers were within the Warsaw Pact framework and were held according to a pre-determined schedule, she said.

Regarding dissidents whom the Polish press has been denouncing, the official said some of these wanted to take control of Solidarity — a situation which worried her. In particular she cited Jacek Kuron, main leader of the Committee for Social Self-Defense (KOR), who she said had questioned the bases of Communism.



DOUBLE: Britain's foreign secretary, Lord Carrington, smiles alongside a wax effigy of himself at London's Madame Tussaud's museum. (AP photo)

### Who goofed?

## Polls' close call was Reagan sweep

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP) — The Ronald Reagan steamroller not only flattened many Democratic politicians, but also denied the reputations of U.S. polls and pollsters for failing to gauge the magnitude of the Republican victory.

Most published polls just before last Tuesday's election said the race between Reagan and Jimmy Carter was "too close to call," but Reagan trounced the incumbent by 10 percentage points in the local vote.

While explanations of the difference vary, what is certain is no poll correctly called Reagan's margin. Some were closer than others, but none was on the mark.

Some pollsters say there was a last-minute surge for Reagan as Americans' frustrations boiled over on Election Day. Others say there was just a steady movement toward Reagan in the last week that some polls detected and some did not, partly because they stopped polling too soon.

Ironically, several polls put Reagan in the lead in their final surveys, but the caution painfully learned from years of experience with the strengths and weaknesses of polls led many to judge the election as "too close to call."

Three published national polls were conducted between the Carter-Reagan debate and the election. The poll that came the closest to the outcome was done by Louis Harris as part of the ABC news-Harris partnership.

Harris' last survey, based on interviews with 1,997 likely voters on Nov. 2, put Reagan at 46 per cent and Carter at 41 per cent, a five-point margin. Harris found a similar margin when he put together all 16,000 interviews from Oct. 20 through Nov. 3.

The final poll by the Gallup organization put the race at 47 per cent for Reagan and 44 per cent for Carter. That was based on interviews with about 2,000 likely voters from Oct. 30 through Nov. 1.

CBS News and the New York Times' final survey, based on 2,264 interviews weighted for turnout conducted Oct. 30 through Nov. 1, gave Reagan 44 per cent and Carter 43 per cent.

The results of the CBS-New York Times survey made the race well within the three-point error margin inherent in polls that size. The Gallup poll was on the outer edge of that sampling error margin, which was acknowledged by a Gallup news release before the election.

Andrew Kohut, executive vice president of Gallup, said the Gallup polls in the 10 days before the election showed small, but steady gains for Reagan, with little movement by Carter. But the final results remained within

the poll's error margin, leading Gallup and others to a conservative interpretation of the results.

Kohut said the interviewing was not continued Sunday and Monday because of the belief — now under question — that the election is fairly static in those final hours. Warren Mitofsky, director of the election and survey unit of CBS News, also said there was movement to Reagan in the final 48 hours before the election.

Carter's pollster, Patrick Caddell, said his polling Sunday night and Monday showed a sudden shift toward Reagan due to Americans' frustrations, focused in those final hours on the hostages still held in Iran.

Richard Wirgin, Reagan's head pollster, said his polls found no such sudden movement. He said his surveys detected a steady movement toward Reagan after the former California governor's performance in the debate calmed fears that he was a "warmonger."

Harris said in an interview Friday that he found some movement in his late polls as more and more people became negative about Carter. "It was widening at that point. Jimmy Carter was finally the issue in the election," he said.

Harris' analysis suggested that Reagan would win. Harris said on the morning of election day that it could be a landslide for Reagan.

But his final poll was still five points low on Reagan's margin. Harris now attributes about 20 percentage points to the last-minute impact of the Iran crisis and about three percentage points to the decline in turnout. Turnout was about 52 per cent in the presidential race, down from 54.4 per cent in 1976.

Harris' own polls did not show a last-minute shift of the magnitude that Caddell found. The five-point margin in his late poll was the same as from the surveys earlier in the week.

The last-minute shift argument also had no support in the results of the Associated Press-NBC News polls of voters on Election Day. Those surveys taken outside polling booths across the country found no movement at all in the final days toward Reagan. So the evidence on what happened is not conclusive.

Burns Roper, president of his own research firm, said he doesn't find any of the explanations satisfying. "The polls and the pollster missed something fundamental," he said, adding that, "no one has explained what that is."

Petter Hart, a private pollster who generally works for Democratic candidates, said the pollsters and the media became too enamored of the "horse race" question of matching the candidates and overlooked the basic facts of the race.

## Red Cross stops Cambodia food

BANGKOK, Nov. 8 (AP) — The decision by the Red Cross to halt its feeding of Cambodians along Thailand's eastern border may cause political waves in this country, already tense over virtually sharing a common border with Vietnam for the first time.

When the International Red Cross here made the announcement Friday, it stressed there were not any political considerations behind its decision to pull out of the "land-bridge", and operation it conducted jointly with the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

This joint operation to feed 600,000-plus starving Cambodians gathered along the border between Thailand and Vietnamese-controlled Cambodia has been going on for about a year. The two international organizations also instituted an airlift of emergency relief directly into Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital now under control of the Hanoi-backed Heng Samrin regime.

Earlier this year, Thai authorities clashed with the international organizations when it was suggested that the cross-border feeding operation might be limited, or phased out.

The Thais threatened to stop relief to Phnom Penh and the Cambodian deep water port of Kompong Som going through Thailand, and a compromise was eventually reached behind closed doors.

With Cambodia's end-of-year harvest expected to be able to feed the country for at least part of next year, the Red Cross feels that the emergency situation at the border no longer exists. Its medical and tracing operations will continue.

UNICEF, the leading agency, will continue to handle the cross-border feeding until the end of March next year.



BAD NEWS: Billy Carter reads of his brother's election defeat in an American, George, newspaper. (AP photo)

## Pakistan clinches cricket victory

By Shahid Orakzai  
Special Correspondent  
RAWALPINDI, Nov. 8 — A Middle rate Pakistan President's Eleven Friday clinched victory from the teeth of near-certain defeat at the hands of mighty West Indies line up in the opening at 3-day fixture a 68-day tour, after the home batsmen went for an orgy of runs to pull off the feat.

The tourists with a first innings lead of 127 set a near impossible target of 314 after they declared at 186 for 3 this morning in their second innings.

The President's Eleven heroically accepting the challenge reached the target with 5 wickets in hand and 41 deliveries still to go. Skipper Javed Miandad's 130 and an unbeaten Imran Khan's 58 by all rounder Imran Khan made the home sides 314 possible in less than 240 minutes.

Final score: Presidents Eleven 120 and 214 for 5 wickets; West Indies 247 and 186 for 3 declared.

A crowd of 15,000 held their breath at the Pindi Club grounds after Imran hit four con-

secutive sixes off David Parry's last over equalising the West Indies 313 target. A leg bye in the next over decided the match, a poor beginning for the windies 68-day tour including 4 tests.

President Zia ul Haq also watched his team in action for some time today.

Javed Miandad's captains innings laid the base for the great win and Imran Khan's knock of 58 studded with 5 sixes and two fours provided the finishing touch for the great achievement.

Miandad in his most responsible and aggressive innings of 130 hit sixteen fours and three towering sixes. His third wicket partnership of 82 with Taslim Arif who made useful 47 studded with six hits to the fence followed by an equally brilliant fifth wicket partnership that conceded 84 runs with Majid Khan set the pace. Miandad went further ahead to add 59 in the company of fiery paceman Imran Khan who later hit up an unbeaten 58 to enable his unbeaten partner Iqbal Sikandar to get the winning run through a leg bye.

## Oil cut speeds Brazil's acceptance of sugar-cane fuel

RIBEIRAO PRETO, Brazil, Nov. 8 (WP) — Pure sugar-cane alcohol has begun flowing through Brazil's service station pumps in a rapidly expanding program that has drawn attention from oil-dependent nations throughout the world.

By the end of this year, according to official estimates, 280,000 Brazilian automobiles will be running on straight alcohol — with slightly lower mileage than their gasoline counterparts, but much lower fuel costs.

Of this number, 30,000 are converted conventional automobiles (the conversion costs about \$400), and the rest are brand new cars, mostly Volkswagens and Fiats, with the bright "Alcohol" sticker flashing the boosterism with which Brazil has been trying for the last five years to start weaning itself from expensive imported oil.

The Iranian-Iraqi war has brought sudden new fervor to what was already becoming a national alcohol crusade. President Joao Figueiredo and many of his aides drive armored cars, and experimentation had already begun on alcohol-powered helicopters and outboard motor engines.

The war deprived Brazil of 40,000 bar-

rels per day of imported Iraqi oil — half of Brazil's total oil imports, which account for 80 per cent of the nation's needs. Reserves in storage and increased exports from other countries have forestalled major problems, but the price of gas shot up 18 per cent, all gas stations were closed on weekends, trucks were ordered to travel only with full loads, and there is talk now of pushing for an all-alcohol automobile fleet not by the end of the decade, as originally planned, but by 1985.

The alcohol program was unveiled to a dubious public just two years after the 1973 oil price increase added huge expenses to the Brazilian economy. Now motorists, faced with \$3 a gallon gasoline and four months waiting lists for alcohol cars, are said to be illegally converting their engines to take the \$1.50 per gallon alcohol. Some gas stations selling gasoline, the 20 per cent alcohol mix that will power conventional engines, have been caught mixing 40 per cent alcohol in the save money, which plays havoc with a gasoline engine's timing.

In good cropland like the flat red soil around Ribeirao Preto, the sudden new lure of sugar cane is making the first of what

could become profound changes in agricultural landscape and economics not only for Brazil but also for the smaller nations like Costa Rica and the Philippines, which reportedly have already begun negotiating for distiller equipment of their own.

If the idea ever caught on, it may spread to the United States, where any major alcohol program would probably have to come mostly from corn and grains.

In Sao Paulo state, the rich swath of Brazil that stretches south from Ribeirao Preto, the number of hectares planted in sugar cane have doubled within the last five years, according to government figures. In a nation where drought and intense export cultivation have forced non-export crops such as rice and beans (the staples of the poor) to either drop or barely hold their own, national cane production has increased by almost 50 per cent.

Ribeirao Preto's Santa Elisa plant churns 15,000 tons of fresh-cut cane per day into vats. The men work 12-hour shifts, 24 hours a day, and still the trucks heaped with cane line up outside in the heat, waiting to unload.

There are dozens of other distilleries mak-

ing alcohol in Brazil and authorities have approved 285 more for government financing so generous that in some cases the low interest rates amount to subsidies. In the north, on a site reportedly purchased from a consortium that included the Rockefeller family and ARCO chairman Robert Anderson, the ground is being cleared for the biggest alcohol distillery in the world.

All these distilleries will probably need far more cane than Brazil now grows. Even though sugar and coffee have traditionally been the nation's largest export crops, the growing need for alcohol may eventually lead to a sharp increase in sugar cane croplands here at the expense of other crops. This in turn may force food prices upwards.

The decision to turn to energy crops to fuel "is certain to drive food prices upward, thus leading to more severe malnutrition among the poor," argues Lester Brown, of the research institute Worldwatch. "In effect, the more affluent one-fifth of the population who own most of the automobiles will dramatically increase their individual claims on cropland from roughly one to at least three acres, further squeezing the millions who are at the low end of the Brazilian economic ladder."

Good Morning

By Moad Khamis

Success is the exception. For Shakespeare there are thousands of and dramatists who did not make it every Napoleon there are hundreds of generals who do not know one ear from the other. But most fail to utter failure, most failure is a humdrum "also ran" or "nearly mad Variety. As such, most failure is not interesting. What is interesting is failure its extreme, when it is a real whopper not merely a shortfall.

One of the greatest failures of all must be that of the London news The Commonwealth Sentinel, which shop on the 6th of February 1961 folded it on the seventh of that month. The brave publisher made a printing order of 50 thousand copies it appears that, in his rush to produce forgot completely the small matter of a tribulation.

On the morning of that fateful first publisher woke up in the hotel where was staying, telling himself some like, "Today is the day." He then down to the lobby and was immediately aware that something had gone wrong. (That small matter of distribution you see.) For there, in every good cranny, and as far into the street as it could see, were bundles upon bundles the blessed first edition.

And there too was one angry manager, surrounded by even more angry policemen. And the upshot was the publisher had to go the pl immediately and arrange, at a great for the disposal of the 50,000 copies as the last bundle was being carried off sadly snatched one copy "for future use."

His daughter, who was with him on day, snatched another and ran into street. And there she persuaded an unpecting citizen who happened to be sing by to part with the sum of one sh for that sole copy. She then ran back to distraught father and handed him amount.

And he says he has kept the can to very day.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awwad

## Kim appeals verdict to top civilian court

SEOUL, Nov. 8 (AP) — Dissident Kim Dae-jung has appealed his military death verdict to the supreme court, the nation's highest civilian court which also jurisdiction over military court, de lawyers said Saturday.

He was sentenced to death on sed charges by an army court-martial in October, and an army appeals court up the ruling Monday. Eleven other defend in Kim's sedition case have also appealed their sentences, ranging from seven years in prison, to the supreme court, said.

There were five more defendants, victim of violating martial law decrees, stood trial together with Kim, receiving sentences ranging from 3½ to 4 years.

Family members of these defendants they were still discussing with lawyers whether they should appeal to the big court.

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